

American Sighthound Field Association

2025 Annual Convention of Delegates



March 22 & 23, 2025

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124	To approve the minutes of the 2024 ACoD.	Adopted
234	That the Board provide a detailed analysis of the 2023 ASFA II.	Adopted
238	To approve the budget for 2025 as submitted.	Adopted
247	That the ASFA Store sell forms and include actual shipping costs and maintain forms for download and printing.	Adopted
252	That the Board direct the Policy Committee to update and/or create a form policy based on the previous motion	Adopted
443	That we have a Virtual ACoD for 2026.	Adopted
380	For an in person Board Meeting to prepare for the ACoD	Fails
467	The CRC revise the Constitution to permit virtual conventions as the default position.	Adopted
483	That the Board direct REC to review the LCI veteran points required for the VLCC and the VLCE and the consistency of the point structure	Adopted
489	That CRC be directed to clarify the timeline for action referred to in Article IX Discipline, Section 1	Adopted
493	To form a brainstorming committee.	Fails
507	That ASFA have an additional authorized user on the ASFA financial accounts to be selected by the Board of Directors	Adopted
511	That REC be directed to amend Chapter II Officials Section 2, Field Trial Chairman regarding a handler's meeting	Adopted
551	That the ACoD approve the committees as enumerated	Adopted
558	To adjourn	Adopted

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The regular Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) of the American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) was held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, with the President, Scott Hurlbert, being the chair and the Recording Secretary, Jennifer Gysler, being present.

Board Members present were:

President, Scott Hurlbert
First Vice President, Marilyn Standerford
Recording Secretary, Jennifer Gysler
Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Sanders
Chief Financial Officer, Ping Pirrung
Director (Region 1), Paul Sanders
Director (Region 2), Jayme Jones
Director (Region 3), Michele Bisbee
Director (Region 4), Shannon Hoehn
Director (Region 5) Shellie Marvin
Director (Region 6), Holly Hamilton
Director (Region 9), Gina Whritenour
Director (Region 10), Keith Hicks

Absent:

Second Vice President, Greg Breitbach
Director (Region 7), Vacant
Director (Region 8), Pat Spinazzolla

Saturday, March 22, 2025

The President called the meeting to order at 10:11am (Eastern).

Present were 45 member club delegates and 4 observers:

- American Whippet Club (AWC)
 - Claudia Miller
- Basenji Club of America (BaCOA)
 - Russ Jacobs
- Borzoi Club of America (BCOA)
 - Susan Van De Water
- California Coursing Association (CCA)
 - Linda D'Antonio
 - Keith Hicks
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- 58 • International Silken Windhound Society (ISWS)
- 59 ○ Director (Region 2) Jayme Jones
- 60 • Iowa Coursing Association (ICA)
- 61 ○ Samantha Duryee
- 62 • Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA)
- 63 ○ David Berzins
- 64 • Lake Country Lure Coursers (LCLC)
- 65 ○ Tom Cigolle
- 66 ○ Cathy Sanderson
- 67 • Lehigh Valley Coursing Club (LVCC)
- 68 ○ James Halstead (Observer)
- 69 • Mason Dixon Ibizan Hound Club (MDIHC)
- 70 ○ Audrey Silverstein
- 71 ○ (Records Coordinator) Lori Zorbaugh
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- 73 ○ Suzanne LaCroix
- 74 • Midwest Coursing Club (MCC)
- 75 ○ Deborah Habian
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- 80 ○ Tammy Lorch

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- First Vice President Marilyn Standerford
- Northern Azawakh Association (NAA)
 - Ann Hayes
- Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana Gazehound Organization (OKIGO)
 - Director (Region 6) Holly Hamilton
- Oklahoma Racing and Coursing Association (ORCA)
 - Kristal Couch (Observer)
 - Director (Region 4) Shannon Hoehn (Observer)
- Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States (RRCUS)
 - Recording Secretary Jennifer Gysler
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- Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA)
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 - Pat Wieland
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 - Chief Financial Officer Ping Pirrung
- Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club (UCBSC)
 - Cindy Antonik
 - Corresponding Secretary Kathy Sanders

Parliamentarian: Russ Jacobs agrees to be parliamentarian and is so appointed.

Sergeant at Arms: Jennifer Gysler & Cathy Sanderson agree to be Sergeant at Arms and are so appointed. Motion by Kathy Sanders to approve.

Tellers: Cathy Sanderson & Jennifer Gysler agree to be Tellers and are so appointed.

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The ACoD appoints the ACoD Minutes Review Committee as follows: Chairperson – Jennifer Gysler. Members (3) Karla Dean, Marilyn Standerford, Jayme Jones

Motion by Kathy Sanders to approve the Minutes of the 2024 ACoD.

Motion adopted.

Report of the President (Scott Hurlbert – report attached)

Report of the 1st Vice President (Marilyn Standerford – report attached)

Report of the 2nd Vice President (Greg Breitbach – report attached)

Report of the Corresponding Secretary (Kathy Sanders)

Report of the Recording Secretary (Jennifer Gysler – report attached)

Report of the Chief Financial Officer (Ping Pirrung – report attached)

Report by Chair of the Regional Directors (Paul Sanders)

Region 1 Report (Paul Sanders) (verbal report, field availability and attendance are a struggle)

Region 2 Report (Jayme Jones) (verbal report, Region 2 continues to struggle with field availability and costs, although they are seeing an uptick in interest in ASFA)

Region 3 Report (Michele Bisbee – report attached)

Region 4 Report (Shannon Hoehn – report attached)

Region 5 Report (Shellie Marvin – report attached)

Region 6 Report (Holly Hamilton – report attached)

Region 8 Report (Pat Spinazzola – Absent – no report)

Region 9 Report, (Gina Whritenour – report attached)

Region 10 Report (Keith Hicks – report attached)

Committee Reports:

1. Archives and Historical (Dean Wright – absent – no report). Dean will be withdrawing as chair. There has been movement on trying to digitize the historical fans and reports to be accessible on the website. Marilyn Standerford is the new chairperson.

2. Awards (Kathy Sanders - report attached). In addition to the report, special recognition goes to ORCA – a new club – which hosted the Region 4 Regional. RDs are encouraged to work with their clubs on hosting a regional. ASFA provides the ribbons and medallions. Please request them no later than 2 weeks before your regional. Don't forget to share your events with the Communique and the website.

Awards Announcements (Kathy Sanders)

Number One in Each Breed for 2024: (Kathy Sanders)

Afghan – Rosie
Azawakh- Ramisi
Basenji – Chilly
Borzoi – Bryce
Chart Polski – Voltaire and Anuk
Galgo - Ronnie
Greyhound – Summertime
Ibizan Hound – Madyson
Italian Greyhound – Lulu
Irish Wolfhound – Evita
LCI Small – Willow
LCI Large – Rohan
LCI Sighthound Mix – Jayyl
Pharaoh Hound - Jasper
Portuguese Podengo Pequeno - Truman
Rhodesian Ridgeback – Remy
Saluki – Mirage
Scottish Deerhound – Windy
Sloughi - Wren
Silken Windhound - Kelso
Singles – Puck
Whippet – Hoppit

The Top Hound is Madyson (Ibizan Hound)

Incentive Awards for Number of Trials

Silver Award – (6 to 8 trials) LEGS (affiliate), GTCWC, SLASH, MCA, GONE
Gold Award – (9 to 16 trials) MGA, GASM, CLCA, CCA, UCBSC
Platinum Award – (17+)

Incentive Awards for Number of Entries

Silver Award – MGA (371)
Gold Award – GONE (404), MCA (435)
Platinum Award - CLCA (511), UCBSC (767)

[Recess: 11:52am to 12:03pm]

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3. Communique (Vicki Fagre-Stroetz – report attached) [7th year of the online publication – we normally have 4 issues.] Please send articles and announcements directly to Asfa.communique@gmail.com.

4. Contracts (Jennifer Gysler - report attached)

5. Executive Committee (Scott Hurlbert)

6. Experimental Programs (Greg Breitbach – no report). (No clubs have participated in the experimental program – Bracket challenge. Last year there was no interest and it was dropped). Discussion.

7. Field Trial Improvement (Greg Breitbach – report attached). Greg is not present today. Scott Hurlbert reads report. The committee needs volunteers. Please reach out to Greg and/or put your name in the chat list.

[Roll Call 46 delegates – There is a quorum.]

8. Finance and Budget (Ping Pirrung and Sean McMichael - report attached)
Discussion. Cathy Sanderson asks for a more specific financial accounting.

Motion by Tom Cigolle that the Board does a detailed financial analysis of the 2023 ASFA II to be provided to the board and ASFA liaisons **within the next 30 days (as amended).**
Motion adopted.

Motion by Russ Jacobs to approve the budget for 2025 as submitted.
Motion adopted.

[2:08pm EST recess (45 mins) – returned at 3pm EST]

[Roll call – 45 delegates. There is a quorum.]

9. Forms Creation and Distribution (Marilyn Standerford - report attached)

Motion by Mary Frances Miller, that the ASFA store will sell all forms at the greater of current prices or the actual cost to print plus the actual cost of shipping. Up-to-date forms and all other information will remain on the website for clubs and individuals to download and print.
Motion adopted.

Motion by Tom Cigolle that the Board direct the Policy Committee to update and/or create a form policy based on the previous motion.
Motion adopted.

10. Inter-organizational Committee (Scott Hurlbert & Jennifer Gysler)

A business proposal is to be reviewed by the Board within the month so it can be presented to the AKC. Suggestion by John Parker to share the proposal with club liaisons and/or place in the Communique.

11. IT Committee (Cathy Sanderson - report attached) The Zoom account is being utilized by the Clubs. Re the committee set up to further use Jotform – Cathy had done some research. The board wanted to investigate some alternatives. The committee did not meet. In September, Eddie Kominek resigned from working on the ASFA Database project. He provided the GitHub log-ins and the coding work has been downloaded. He cleaned up the old data.

i. Records Database. (Scott Hurlbert). The main goal is to get the database and program working properly. Marilyn Standerford and Jean Hampton have been updating the website. The data coming in for the current trials is in good shape. Lori Zorbaugh is not able to use what Eddie had developed thus far as it is not complete.

ii. Search Committee (Scott Hurlbert). The Search Committee is comprised of Scott Hurlbert, Phil Fullam, Cathy Sanderson and Phil Dean. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been developed for a potential programmer. The Fancy was informed via club liaisons and it was posted on the ASFA website shortly after Eddie Kominek's resignation. There were a few individuals that reached out to Eddie inquiring about the structure. There are people who have expressed an interest. Interested individuals will be allowed access to the coding for review. The committee has also considered reaching out to programmers of custom systems with similar groups. Once the RFP goes out we will give the responders a month to inquire.

iii. Website (Marilyn Standerford - report attached)

12. Judges/Judges Licensing (report attached) Presented by Scott Hurlbert.

**ASFA Judges Ranked by Hounds Judged
For Reporting Year: 2024**

1. White, Don 693
2. Wright-Hiller, Sabrina 473
3. Hurlbert, Scott 444
4. Coughlin, Matt 442
5. Kunard, Darci 354
6. Breitbach, Gregory 332
7. Arvin, John 329
8. Gysler, Jennifer 327
9. Kytta II, Paul 279
10. Golcher, Tom 270

13. Long Range Planning (Jennifer Gysler - report attached). Discussion about Handler's Meetings. Ideas shared for webinars, i.e. course design, condition / injury prevention for your dog, huntmastering etc. Attendees asked to share their interests / ideas for a webinar.

14. Membership (Ping Pirrung - report attached)
Pleased with the amount of clubs applying to ASFA. Get your dues in!

Lure Coursing Hall of Fame. (Mike Hussy)

Garry Forrester Award – no nominations this year.

For the Hounds:

A ballot vote on the nominees for the Hall of Fame was held.

Afghan "Pal" 29 votes
IW "Phoenix" 19 votes
IW "Merry Gold" 15 votes
SD "Eunice" 32 votes
SW "Dior" 26 votes

Based on the vote, the inductees are Eunice, Pal and Dior.

EPA (Jayme Jones)

This year's winner is GONE (Gazehounds of New England). Congratulations.

Motion for Recess at 5pm Eastern. (ACoD to resume at 10am Eastern tomorrow).

ASFA MEETING ACoD resumes March 23, 2025 at 10am Eastern:

Roll Call – 45 Delegates present

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Records Report (Lori Zorbaugh) (see attached report)

Invitationals Report

Paul Sanders is the new chairperson of the RDs.

ASFA II 2025: No clubs submitted a bid. ASFA will be hosting the 2025 II. Scott Hurlbert is the Trial Chair. Jennifer Gysler is the FTS. The Board is meeting to fill in the other positions and develop a plan / budget.

Report of Rules Evaluation Committee (Marilyn Standerford) (see attached report)

In addition to the report, discussion by Marilyn Standerford regarding the use of tracking devices placed inside a coursing jacket. This may require a modification of the running rules,

however the rules do not specifically disallow use of a tracking device.

Report of Scheduling Chair (Samantha Duryee) (see attached report)

Policy Compilation Committee (Mary Frances Miller)

Mary Francis Miller is the new chairperson of the committee.

Public Outreach (Holly Hamilton & RDs)

The new chairperson of this committee is Holly Hamilton. The members of the committee are all RDs. Phil and Karla Dean have offered to assist. Holly's email is hollylulu@aol.com.

Ad Hoc Committees of the Convention

- a. ACoD Site Selection (Claudia Miller). Claudia Miller provides an oral report for the 2026 ACoD to be held at the Dallas Holiday Inn Express, Room rate \$114/night (Region 4), free airport transportation, and fitness center. March 21 & 22. No contract has been signed.

Motion by Cathy Sanderson that we have a virtual ACoD for 2026.

It would save expenses for people and clubs, save expenses for ASFA, and increase participation.

Motion adopted.

Motion by Shellie Marvin that the ASFA BOD has an in person meeting to prepare for the ACoD.

Motion fails.

Suggestion that next year the board explore Hybrid meetings per Russ Jacobs.

Re Delegates Packets for the Convention. Let's submit the Delegate Packets either 45 days or 90 days prior to the ACoD. *Note – Policy A-ACoD05 states the packets should be out 21 days in advance (and placed on the website).

[Recess 11:51am for 10 minutes]

Motion by Russ Jacobs that this ACoD determine that future ACoDs be held virtually unless a subsequent ACoD decides differently.

Discussion that Article IV Section 2 may require ACoDs be held in person.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Russ Jacobs that this convention recommend to CRC to revise the

Constitution to permit virtual conventions as the default position.

Motion adopted.

b. ACoD Planning Committee (Scott Hurlbert)

i. 2025

ii. 2026 – Central (Regions 4, 5, or 6) (Motion for virtual ACoD passes).

iii. 2027 – East (Regions 7, 8, or 9)

c. Advisory Committee on Animal Issues (Kathy Sanders) [See attached report]

Unfinished Business

New Business:

Motions from the Floor:

Motion by Marilyn Standerford for the Board to direct REC to review the LCI veteran points required for the VLCC and the VLCE and the consistency of the point structure compared to the ASFA sighthound veteran titles.

Motion adopted.

Motion by Marilyn Standerford that the Constitution Revision Committee be directed to clarify the timeline for action referred to in Article IX Discipline, Section 1.

Motion adopted.

Motion by Cathy Sanderson to create a brainstorming committee to investigate ideas on how to increase transparency and information flow from the board to the fancy and vice versa throughout the year. The Communique is the pillar that we have now, but we may be able to improve transparency. This committee will provide a plan to the board for approval and once a plan is approved this committee will dissolve and a new committee created to act on the plan.

Motion fails.

Motion by Cathy Sanderson to create a committee to present a proposal to the board regarding supplying any interested clubs with an online entry system that has the following characteristics. Club finances are separate and private. The online form is verified by the forms committee. The IT committee will manage this resource.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion as amended, by Tom Golcher, that we have an additional authorized user on the ASFA financial accounts to be selected by the Board of Directors.

Motion adopted.

Motion by Torri Cassano that the ACoD directs the Board to direct REC to make the following proposed amendments to the ASFA Running Rules and Field procedures for lure field trials:

Chapter II Officials, Section 2. Field Trial Chairman, be amended as follows:

The field trial chair shall conduct a handlers meeting, after roll call in which the following is discussed: Safety and general orientation to the grounds and event. Identifying the field committee. Referring new handlers to mentors or those willing to help them with their hounds. Any other information the field committee deems important to the event.

Motion adopted.

Cathy Sanderson would like to respond to the motion that the IT Committee reinvestigate the random draw function in LC Soft. Requesting additional input. Discussion of the random draw.

Cathy Sanderson would like clarification and an update on the item from the Board minutes June 2024 Line 85. Motion by Jayme Jones to direct the Policy Committee to review CKC Titles. Update: It was reviewed and it was determined by the committee not to move forward at that time.

Cathy Sanderson would like clarification and an update on the time from the Board minutes June 2024, line 104. Create a policy that a club cannot mandate online entries. Update: This is on the "to do" list for the Policy Committee.

Committees of the ACoD:

-ACoD Planning/Site Selection Committee: Chairperson Claudia Miller. Members Kathy Sanders and Sean McMichael.

-CRC: Ping Pirrung Chairperson. Members Ben Brodeur, Russ Jacobs, Scott Hurlbert, Mary Frances Miller and Jennifer Gysler.

-Animal Advisory Committee: Chairperson Kathy Sanders.

-Lure Coursing Hall of Fame: Chairperson Mike Hussey. Members Ben Brodeur, Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Pete Lowe, Kathy Sanders and Dean Wright.

-Gary Forrester Committee: Chairperson Kathy Nelson. Members: Mike Hussey, Sean McMichael, Dawn Gibas.

Motion by Russ Jacobs that the ACoD approve the committees as enumerated.

Motion adopted.

Lure Coursing Judges Association:

The LCJA meeting occurred last night. (Tom Cigolle)

Discussion about the tradition of LCJA and lure operator of the year award. It has not been

556 awarded the past few years but there are plans to regroup in the future.

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558 **Motion** by Marilyn Standerford to adjourn (2:14pm Eastern)

559 **Motion adopted.**

560

Jennifer Gysler, Recording Secretary
American Sighthound Field Association

Date of Approval

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Officers Reports

President's Report

By Scott Hurlbert

The year has been an interesting one for ASFA and the board. We have continued to meet on a quarterly basis to address needs as they arise. I believe there has been a small uptick in hounds coursing this year and I expect the trend to continue.

As you know, the membership of the board consists of 6 board members elected from the fancy as a whole and 10 regional directors elected from their perspective regions. While all represent ASFA, the Regional Directors are often the best resource for the clubs. This year was the election of the RD's with 2 regions not submitting a nominee. The board is responsible for now appointing an RD for Region 7 and Region 2. We would encourage suggestions or nominees for consideration. This is the opportunity for individuals to help shape the direction of ASFA.

Committees have been busy with their roles and have presented some interesting ideas to help ASFA be better. We are always striving to improve communication and our operations. If you have any suggestions or questions please let me know.

Scott C Hurlbert

Report of 1st VP

By Marilyn Standerford

It's difficult to quantify what I have done this year. I have mainly assisted in keeping individuals on track and on task. Being a Bossy Pants.

Report of 2nd VP

By Greg Breitbach

During this past year, I have attended several trials and talked with exhibitors about their concerns with ASFA.

The largest response has been the aging of the individuals running the sport and lack of an influx of younger individuals with their dogs. LCI has helped bring in new individuals, some have even obtained sighthounds to compliment their current breeds. But, it was also noted that other dog sports which have been historically large entry events are seeing a decline in younger individuals. Some opinions have been the finances of younger individuals, not much interest in dogs and sports, not enough time to dedicate to training and travel.

As 2nd VP, there is not much assigned to the post so it is mostly back-up to the President and 1st VP.

Gregory Breitbach

Recording Secretary's Report

By Jennifer Gysler

Thank you to the Board and on the ASFA committees and Regional Directors for their contributions to ASFA and the lure coursing community. I continue to learn and grow as I complete my third year as recording secretary for ASFA.

The Board met quarterly in 2024, both in person and via Zoom, as follows: (1) March 21-22 & 24, 2024 (in conjunction with the ACoD); (2) June 26, 2024; (3) September 28, 2024 and (4) December 18, 2024.

The ACoD Minutes Review Committee, to be appointed at the ACoD, will perform an important function in reviewing the minutes from this year's convention.

As you will see from reading the minutes from 2024 and the reports for the 2025 ACoD, our volunteers have been busy and we are looking forward to 2025.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Kathy Sanders, Corresponding Secretary

2024 Chief Financial Officer Report

By Ping Pirrung

2024 ASFA Financial Report

Income	Budget 2024	Actual 2024	Difference	Notes
ACoD	\$3,800.00	\$3,418.40	\$381.60	
ASFA Store	\$500.00	\$1,368.78	\$868.78	
Membership	\$4,000.00	\$3,671.75	\$328.25	
Misc	\$200.00	\$1,509.92	\$1,309.92	(all fines)
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Records Replacement Program	\$1,600.00	\$2,720.14	\$1,120.14	
Total Trial Fees	\$24,000.00	\$27,697.61	\$3,697.61	
Per Capita		\$22,304.81		
Experimental Programs		\$102.45		
II	\$3,000.00	\$4,688.68		
Regionals	\$1,500.00	\$601.67		
Total	\$38,600.00	\$40,386.60	\$1,786.60	

Expenses	Budget 2024	Actual 2024	Difference	Notes
ACoD	\$3,800.00	\$3,398.53	\$401.47	
ASFA Store	\$500.00	\$2,847.44	\$2,347.44	
Board	\$11,500.00	\$10,635.08	\$864.92	
Committee Expenses				
Awards	\$2,000.00	\$2,589.51	\$589.51	
IT	\$3,500.00	\$4,986.42	\$1,486.42	(paid Webmaster 13 months, not 12)
Officers	\$100.00	\$1,177.50	\$1,077.50	
Reg Directors	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Invitationals	\$600.00	\$6,165.65	\$5,565.65	
Insurance	\$2,100.00	\$625.00	\$1,475.00	
Misc	\$0.00	\$93.00	\$93.00	
Records	\$14,000.00	\$27,638.88	\$13,638.88	(\$2,814.26 Expenses, \$23,912 salary, \$912.62 Taxes)
Records Program	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Total	\$44,100.00	\$60,157.01	\$16,057.01	
Net	\$5,500.00	\$19,770.41		

2024 Year End Cash on Hand \$46,893.31

2025 ASFA Budget

Income	
ACoD	\$250.00
ASFA Store	\$800.00
Membership	\$3,700.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00
Donations	\$0.00
Records Replacement Program	\$2,700.00
Total Trial Fees	\$28,000.00
Per Capita	\$22,300.00
Experimental Programs	\$100.00
II	\$4,500.00
Regionals	\$600.00
Total	\$36,450.00

Expenses	
ACoD	\$250.00
ASFA Store	\$2,000.00
Board	\$750.00
Committee Expenses	
Awards	\$2,600.00
IT	\$5,600.00 (Added \$1K for FAN/Hist Book Scanning)
Officers	\$250.00
Reg Directors	\$1,000.00
Invitationals	\$3,000.00 (Need a budget for 2025 I.I.)
Insurance	\$1,400.00
Misc	\$100.00
Records	\$27,000.00
Records Program	\$0.00 (Need help here)
Total	<u>\$43,950.00</u>
Net	\$7,500.00

Reports of the Regional Directors

Region 1 – no written report

Region 2 – no written report

Region 3 Report

By Michele Bisbee, Director

Region 3 Boundaries:

- Region 3 Includes the states of WY, UT, CO, and NM
- 360,654 square miles of beautiful Western USA.

Region 3 Clubs and current Club Contact(s):

Regional Clubs

Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA)	Liaison: Tom Golcher
President: Darci Kunard	
Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA)	Liaison: Mike Hussey
President: Sarah Shorey-Wickholm	
Lobo Lure Coursing Club (LLCC)	Liaison: Leonore Abordo
President: Phil Fullam	
Utah Sighthound Racing and Coursing Club (USRCC)	Liaison: Faith Burnham
President: Melissa Egbert	
Rocky Mountain Coursing Club (RMCC)	Liaison: Heather Minnich
President: TDB	

National Clubs with Delegates in Region 3

American Whippet Club (AWC)

Liaison: Claudia Miller

President: Guin Borstel

Pharaoh Hound Club of America (PHCA)

Liaison: Darci Kunard

President: Darci Kunard

2024:

Region 3 clubs hosted a total of 24 trials with 681 entries in 2024. They also finished 2024 with five #1 rankings in the Top 20; Azawakh, Irish Wolfhound, Pharaoh Hound, LCI-Large & LCI-Sighthound Mix.

CLCA hosted 14 trials in 2024. Two less than in 2023. CLCA was third in the country for trials hosted and second for hounds entered (511). CLCA is planning to host 22 trials for 2025 including the **51st Grand National** and has been asked to host the **Regional Invitational**.

LLCC hosted 2 trials 2024 with 58 entries. LCC plans to host 4 trials for 2024.

USRCC hosted 2 specialties and 2 all-breed trials, including the Regional Invitational in 2024 for a total of 53 entries. They are searching for a new field for 2025. Providing one can be secured they are planning 2 specialties and 2 all-breed trials.

RMIWA hosted 1 specialty in 2024 with 7 entries. RMIWA plans to host 1 specialty and 2 all-breed trials in 2025.

RMCC hosted 1 trial in 2024 with 21 entries. RMCC typically alternates between ASFA & AKC trials each year and is not planning an ASFA trial in 2025.

IGCA (14 entries) & **SDCA** (17 entries) also held their Specialties within Region 3 in 2024.

Region 4 Report

By Shannon Hoehn, incoming Reg 4 Director.

Tulsa Sighthound Association decided against supporting ASFA trials. Lack of interest, participation, and promotion of ASFA events led to dwindling entries.

However, ORCA, Oklahoma Racing and Coursing Association has joined ASFA. They are a very active Sighthound club in NE Oklahoma. ORCA hosted the Region 4 Regional Invitational.

There were 31 entries on Friday, Nov 29, 45 for the Invitational and 32 on Sunday, Dec 1. There are no other active Clubs in Region 4.

Region 5 Report

By Shellie Marvin

Region Five had a great 2024 running dogs in ASFA!

The nine clubs in Region Five had a total of 1497 ASFA entries. A special shout out to Iowa Coursing Association for the fantastic International Invitational with 336 entries.

Region Five had 73 dogs who placed in the Top 20 ASFA Dogs, which is almost 21% of all the top dogs in the organization. We had one standout that placed in two categories: Spiff. Spiff was the #4 singles dog AND the #16 silken windhound.

Entry Numbers:

240 entries Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club
431 entries Minnesota Coursing Association
(74 were Regional Invitational entries)
156 entries Nebraska Coursing Association
14 entries Specialty - Basenji Club of America
156 entries Iowa Coursing Association (see numbers below for the II)
336 entries ASFA II hosted by the Iowa Coursing Association
22 entries Specialty - Ibizan Hound Club of the United States
17 entries Specialty - Scottish Deerhound Club of America
44 entries Specialty - American Saluki Association
81 entries Heartland Coursing Association

1497 TOTAL ASFA ENTRIES

Region 6 Report

By Holly Hamilton

Thank you to all the ASFA clubs in Region 6 for hosting trials. Thank you to Michigan Gazehound Association for holding the largest number of trials with highest number of entries as well as our Regional. SLASH was not far behind in number of entries.

We lost a club (LARK) in our region due to lack of field availability.

Regional winner of Director's Cup was Silken Windhound Juniper, Melioris Juniperus, owned by E.Prafke-Marson

The region held National lure trials for basenjis as well as Afghan Hounds.

SLASH will host our regional in December of this year.

Hoping to have a fun and safe 2025 coursing year!

Region 7 – no written report

Region 8 – no written report

Region 9 Report

By Gina Whritenour

Areas of inclusion: Ontario, CA, New York, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut.

Region 9 – Club to host Regional Invitational - GONE – October 18th, Griswold, CT

2024 Trials:

- GONE - 8 trials = 404 hounds (top 20 club for trials and entries)
- NAA - 4 trials = 159 hounds
- LCLC – 1 trial = 56 hounds (1 cancelled trial)
- ECHO – 1 trial = 64 hounds (1 cancelled trial)
- NERCC - 0
- SANE – fast track applied, no trials this year
- RRCUS - 0

Total entries for Region 9 ASFA trials = 683 hounds & LCI's in 14 trials

Regional Clubs

Elite Coursing Hounds of Ontario (ECHO)--member

Northern Azawkh Association (NAA)--member

Gazehounds of New England (GONE)--member

New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (NERRC)--affiliate

Saluki Association of New England (SANE) – Fast Track Applied

Lake County Lure Coursers (LCLC)--member

Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of United States (RRCUS)--parent

A note about GONE Activities: GONE's membership has gone up 19 people since last year. They have added another trial for the year and are helping to mentor 2 new clubs in the region who are trying to get their foot in the door for ASFA, as well as helping SANE get back on track for lure coursing trials this year. As well as, taking on the Regional Invitational after a brief break last year.

2024 Top 20 rankings for Region 9

Afghan

6 Charlotte Dream A Little Dream Of Me K.O'Brien/J.Martin

Azawakh

2 Obi Starfire's Obi At Zafis J.Butterworth

Greyhound

1 Summertime - Lakilanni The Living is Easy LCM, C. Laliberte`
 2 Switch - Lakilanni Switchin' To Glide FCh, L.Soutar`
 6 Luco-Unbridled Sap To The Sugar Shack FCh. C.Laliberte
 8 Vedder - Lakilanni Hard Sun L.Soutar
 8 Tull - GCh DC Lakilanni Thick As A Brick LCM2,SC L.Soutar
 2 Alice - DC Golightly Lakilanni White Rabbit LCM,SC,RN,CGCA,BCAT,CGCU
 L.Zucker/L.Soutar
 16 Sunspot - DC Lakilanni Sunspot Baby LCM,RN,SC,TKN,CGC,SIN L.Soutar

Ibizans

1 Madyson - BII, CKC Ch IcyCold Parallels Sixth Avenue LCM3 Dr.K.Catt
 2 Penny- IcyCold Sixth Cent LCM3 Dr.K.Catt
 5 Ginny - IcyCold Fifth Avenue Girl LCM2 Dr K.Catt

LCI Large

11 Frannie - Frannie LCI K.Hunt
 13 Scooter - Antares Eye Of The CyclopsV.Lobo

- 16 Jethro - Loretta's Enchanted Unicorn At Antares LCA,LCC V.Lobo
 18 Seuss Dr Seuss, J. & J.Warren
 18 Havock - Havock N.Breckon

LCI Sighthound Mix

- 2 Chaos Blue Mist's Chaos Theory Of Apsara C.Hatton
 9 Rapid MissJiffs Now Or Never @ Tactical Image Rapid Fyre B.O'Connor
 11 Mercy MissJiff's I Feel A Sin Coming On @ Tactical Image K.Simerson
 3 Kyber Vintage Any Way The Force Flows J.Ohman
 13 Appa Apsara's Yip Yip of Tova C.Blackstone
 13 Option MM's I Didn't Have An Option C.Douglas

LCI small

- 3 Zoey Zoey Furiously Happy LCI,LCC,LCA,LCS P.Buswell
 14 JJ Venture Hill Jumpin Jack Flash C.Frey
 17 Journey Joslyn's Journey E.DeWolfe

Pharaoh

- 8 Cowboy Ch Galadrial's Z-Faro Space Cowboy C.& S.Leslie/S.Hoffman
 9 Royal Ch Galadrial's Kamaraj Time To Run Royal Th-E-Brod FCh,SC B.& Brodeur/S.Hoffman

Saluki

- 2 Rajah FC Sandstorm Hope For Genie's Golden Lamp FCh,TCP,SC T.Pressley
 4 Zahi UKC GRCH,URO1,Am Ch Sandstorm Golden Sunrise In Hawaii
 FCh,SC,RN,VS,ATT,FDC,THDN C.& B.Bates/J.Coli/K.Morton
 13 Kingsley Khamsin's King Of the Road CKC FCh S.Konopa/K.Welsh
 16 Snoop Phaeema Bint Sahab Al Assli M.Schambourg

Scottish Deerhounds

- 4 Stirling Ch Fernhill's Stirling FCh,BCAT S.Rivenburg
 13 Ceili Ch Dhu Mohr Clythquin Dancing A Ceili FITB,CGC D.Whitmore
 19 Braemar Fernhill's Braemar S.Rivenburg

Singles

- 10 SA Jasmine Alyasamin's Three Wishes TCP T.Pressley
 12 WH Hugo Hyflyte Ohh The Places Hugo TCP S.& R.Lang
 15 WH Willow Willowtree Angel In Disguise P.Mitchel/L.Gregory
 16 BA Korra Eldorado N Akuaba Fancy Free TCP T.Buchta
 19 WH Diamond Shannon Down Fortunate Son S.Seay
 19 GH Nina Greyfort Nina C.Laliberte
 19 SW Ginkgo Artemis Sun Dancer C.Graham

Whippets

- 1 Hoppit FC Hyflyte That Will Leave A Mark LCM2,SC,NA,NAJ
 D.Johnson/J.Courtemanche
 5 Baylen Merci Isle After Midnight FCh R.Viola/I.Kimmelman
 7 Shelby Merci Isle Sun Moon Stars A.Sampson

9	Sparky	Ch Cali's Houndhill Fireworks FCh	S.Bolduc/P.Booth
9	Riptide	FC Williwaw Vitamin Sea LCM,SC	M.Smith
13	Sable Whip Hill	Merci Isle American Sable LCM	I.& J.Kimmelman
19	Ivan	FC Hyflyte Catch The Wind At Shannon Down LCM,SC,CGC,TKN	J.Courtemanche
20	TrebleHyflyte	It's Not About The Bass	A.Pezzack/H.Ferguson

Region 9 dogs in top 20 = 50 (The 2024 Number 1 Dogs in GH, IB and WH)

Region 9 hopefully will soon be welcoming 2 new clubs to our region!!!

BANE – Borzoi Association of New England

CMCC – Central Maine Coursing Club

Region 10 Report

By Keith Hicks, Regional Director

[Region 10 covers the state of California south from the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties, Arizona, Hawaii, and Nevada south of Highway 6.]

Our Clubs: Region 10 is excited to welcome a new club in our region, the Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club. We now have 5 clubs.

Two are member all breed clubs, California Coursing Association “CCA” based in southern California and Central Coast Association of Sighthounds “CCASH” based in Paso Robles, Calif. The third club is a National breed club (International Silken Windhound Society “ISWS”) which has a specialty every year in different regions. The fourth club is Desert Fun Bunch, based in the Phoenix area of Arizona.

Our Trials: Our numbers have increased from the prior year. Region 10 normally lacks in ASFA trials compared to other areas of the country. The LCI program has been helpful to us in increasing interest in ASFA. In 2024 Region 10 hosted 23 trials with 285 entries as compared to 2023 hosting 12 trials, consisting of 161 entries. We hope to continue with this momentum into 2025 especially with a new club in our region.

The positives: Increased number of trials and dogs running ASFA as compared to the prior years plus a new club (OCRRC) with Fast Track status.

LCI: Interest continues to grow in this program and we are hoping to have even more participants in 2025.

The future: By continuing to foster relationships with exhibitors and clubs, along with sharing the positives that ASFA has to offer, I am hopeful we will be able to host more trials in 2025.

Committees of the Board

Archives and Historical Committee

Dean Wright Committee chair

Awards Committee Report – March 2025

Kathy Sanders, Chair

Dear ASFA Members,

Regional Invitationals were held in Regions 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8. Special shout out to ORCA who is a newly recognized member club for hosting the Region 4 Invitational.

This is the 2nd year in a row that only 50% of the regions held an invitational, especially when we have 10 Regional Directors. I understand that clubs face challenges such as securing fields and maintaining memberships, however ASFA you need to remain engaged within your regions. Try hosting regional meetings, engage with club delegates, gather input, and provide support to our clubs, as they are the lifeblood of ASFA. Encouraging clubs to host Regional Invitationals, even if alongside regular trials, is vital for our organization's vitality. Reminder that ASFA supplies the Rosettes & Medallions!!

Our awards inventory will be replenished where necessary. The current inventory (before replenishment) stands as follows:

Ribbons:

- 7 – Best in Field (BIF)
- 27 – Best of Breed (BOB)
- 25 – 1st Place
- 87 – 2nd Place
- 96 – 3rd Place
- 64 – 4th Place
- 28 – Next Best Qualified (NBQ)
- 7 – High Scoring Single
- 23 – Breeder Stake
- 21 – Kennel Stake
- 24 – Bench Stake

Medallions:

2 – Pewter
125 – Bronze
5 – Gold

REMINDER It is the responsibility of Regional Directors to place ribbon orders and maintain records of entries and awards used each year. This record must be transferred between Regional Directors to ensure coordination with clubs hosting Regional Invitationals. After events, any unused ribbons and medallions must be returned to maintain inventory levels.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Regional Directors who effectively managed award distribution, resulting in minimal returns. Your efforts are commendable.

PUBLICITY MATTERS I urge all regions to capture moments from ribbon ceremonies, whether from Regional Invitationals, International Invitationals, or regular trials. Share these images with the Public Outreach Committee for potential inclusion on ASFA's Facebook page and Communique.

Thank you to those who continue to push through and promote ASFA. If there is anything that ASFA can do to or help with, please feel free to reach out.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Sanders, Chair
ASFA Awards Committee

Communiqué Report to the Board
from Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Editor asfa.communique@gmail.com

Communiqué Committee Report to the
Board of Directors
Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Chair asfa.communique@gmail.com

March 2025
Dear Directors,

The Communiqué Committee Report to the ACoD is attached. In addition, this separate report to the board addresses two matters not covered in the other report. They are:

- 1) Distribution of the Communiqué, and
- 2) This committee's need to communicate with the board.

Distribution of the Communiqué

Communiqué issues usually contain time sensitive information, such as deadlines for action upon which people rely. Accordingly, it is important that the issues are distributed to the clubs promptly. Understandably, unavoidable circumstances occasionally arise that result in delays in the normal system of distribution. This happened with the most recent issue. We propose that the board develop a reliable backup plan that would go into effect at such times.

In the alternative, the Communiqué Committee would be willing to take on the responsibility for distributing each issue to the clubs.

Communiqué Committee Communication with the Board
Currently, there is no path for us to communicate directly with the ASFA board. We think we could do a better job of communicating information that aligns with ASFSA's goals if we were able to communicate with you directly.

We request that the board create such a line of communication between ASFA and the Communiqué. It could be informal, such as an advisory panel that we could contact from time to time for information, discussion, and direction.

Respectfully,

Vicki Fagre-Stroetz, Editor and Chair

Communiqué Committee Victoria Cassano, Sally

MacDowell, Lois Obelcz, Audrey Silverstein, and Dean Wright

Contracts Committee

by Jennifer Gysler

(Jennifer Gysler, Scott Hurlbert, Sean McMichael)

In 2024, the Contracts Committee did not review any contracts.

Executive Committee Report

(no written report)

Experimental Committee Report

By Gregory Breitbach

Field Trial Improvement Committee

Members: Phil Dean, Jennifer Gysler, Darci Kunard, Mike Hussey, Jayme Jones, Dean Wright, Tom Cigolle, Terry Sayer, Phil Fullam

In September, the chair resigned and became a member of the committee. I was appointed as the chair for the remainder of this term.

Upon taking the chair, there was a suggestion from an individual in Region 6 to make changes to Chapter 2, Section 3: Field Clerk. The removal of the field clerk having the responsibility of doing the draws was suggested. That looked like an easy change until it was discovered that the assignment of a trial official to do the draws was not specified in any other section of the running rules. It had to be determined which official (FTS) would be assigned to do the draws and then procedures had to be modified to reflect how the draws are actually being accomplished at the present time. This is a process of making the rules fit the actual procedures. We did not have enough time to do all the due diligence on this topic and get it before the board to move to the REC in time for this years ACoD. We have moved our recommendations to the Board for submittal to REC.

Additional topics will be introduced before the committee shortly.
Gregory Breitbach

Finance and Budget Committee

By Ping Pirrung

(See CFO Report)

Forms & Publications Committee Report

Marilyn Standerford, Chair

Thank you to the member of the Committee—Debb Meyer & Karen Sanders

Status of ASFA Store

We are only selling ASFA forms through the ASFA store.

Status of PayPal

PayPal is used for almost 100% of the sales of ASFA Store. We had two orders come with physical checks mailed to me from clubs.

Consider checking your forms inventory now and getting your order in for your next few trials or for the year.

Publications

The Rulebook, Constitution, Policies (Administrative and Operational), and ASFA forms have been updated as of August 1, 2024 to reflect changes from REC/CRC changes as of the 2024 ACoD.

Remember, it was determined that the cost of printing a smaller rulebook far exceeds the return for individual cost and shipping. Also, the rulebook is updated almost every year, and that is not feasible to try to have a qty on hand to sell.

FORMS Update

Each committee should be reviewing the forms and publications for which they are responsible and updating as necessary with Policy and Rule changes. The chair of each committee then provides the changes/updates to the Forms committee to update the files on hand and publish the updated copies to the website.

REMINDER

It is the responsibility of the Forms Chair to maintain the only official copy of the ASFA Forms and Publications. That means that if you are requesting updates or changes made to the forms, publications, or any printed matter for which your committee is responsible, you may send the updates to forms@asfa.org, and I will make the changes for you, if mainly cosmetic. The changes will be presented to the Board for approval, if there are substantive changes.

It is imperative that the official, most up-to-date versions are on file with the Forms Chair. Go to the website and download the forms for which your committee is responsible. You may mark it up in any way you need to and either scan it in and e-mail it to me, or just mail it to me. You may clearly reference sections in an e-mail. I can follow edits pretty clearly, if you identify them. Include the original wording with your corrections/updates underlined. Strikethrough text you want removed/replaced. All additions should be bolded and underlined. An "all new" document will not be accepted, unless there is no previous form for that requirement.

When the edits by your committee have been completed, and I have updated the forms, I send them to the Forms Committee for review and discussion about the changes. When we are in agreement, I will return them to the Committee Chair for final approval. Upon the final approval, unless a Rules Change is required or Board approval is needed, I submit it to webmaster and liaison for inclusion on the website, if appropriate. If there are substantial changes and updates, they will have to go to the Board for approval in the ASFA format.

ASFA PACKET

The only piece of updated information to send out in the ASFA packet is the [Guidelines to Hound Certification](#).

Respectfully submitted
Marilyn Standerford, Chair
Forms Creation and Distribution Committee

Inter-Organizational Liaison

Co-Chairs: Scott Hurlbert & Jennifer Gysler
Members: Tom Cigolle, Holly Hamilton, Phil Fullam, Cathy Sanderson, Eddie Kominek, Dean Wright

During 2024, the Committee met three times and continued to explore potential collaboration with the AKC by surveying the fancy in regard to judges education, other management aspects of lure coursing and obtaining AKC recognition of ASFA titles. Last summer we published a survey in the Communique asking the fancy for their input on these issues. In September, the Committee published an article in the Communique summarizing the responses to the survey. There were many positives expressed about the ASFA lure coursing programs from the Communique, judge's education, a rich history of coursing, inclusivity, and ASFA's structure.

A business plan with an introductory letter has been prepared for purposes of opening discussions with the AKC.

The integrity of ASFA and the preservation of the ASFA program attributes and history are paramount.

The Committee will report back to the fancy as to any response from the AKC.

IT Report

By Cathy Sanderson

The use of ASFA's Zoom account continues to grow, with more clubs taking advantage of this resource to enhance communication and collaboration. It is encouraging to see this increasing engagement, strengthening connections within our community. One ongoing item from last year's ACoD remains unresolved. At the Memphis ACoD, a committee was formed to further investigate the possibility of providing JotForm access to clubs following a favorable survey response. However, there has been no progress to report on this initiative.

In September, following some personal challenges, Eddie made the difficult decision to step down from his role in the database/website project. While his departure is a setback, we are committed to moving forward and ensuring the project's successful completion.

Eddie made significant progress in developing a robust database and integrating ASFA rules and titles into the system. In Eddie's own words, here is where the project stands as of March 2025.

"The website was functional to the point you could list and pull up details of most things like dogs, trials, people, etc. I got it to the point where you could create trials, add entries to the trials, put in results of the trials and it began compiling and uncompiling those trials, calculating points and recording the dogs' progress towards titles. It was getting there, but appears to have broken in a recent update."

To give you an idea of the scale of the project, the ASFA database contains more than 370,000 entries and 26,000 dogs ran in 9,000 trials. Eddie's deep knowledge and expertise were invaluable, and his contributions have laid a strong foundation for the work ahead. Thank you Eddie.

Next Steps

While no one can fully replace Eddie's in-depth understanding of ASFA's programming needs, we must move forward with hiring a new programmer to continue the project.

To this end, the Board has established a Search Committee for a new programmer, chaired by Phil Fullam. The IT Committee is actively involved in this effort, with both Phil and myself representing the committee. Phil will provide further updates in his report.

Additional Progress

Part of Eddie's original contract included developing a user-friendly website for interacting with the database and generating reports. The core priority remains establishing a functional and efficient data system. Following Eddie's resignation, I took the initiative to prototype a new website design using WordPress, a platform I am most familiar with. Regardless of the final system or platform chosen for implementation, this prototype will significantly reduce ASFA's costs by providing a solid design framework. Similarly, having MS Access files as a prototype for the database contractor will help streamline development, saving both time and expenses.

We appreciate everyone's patience and support as we navigate this transition and continue working toward a strong, sustainable IT infrastructure for ASFA.

Website Publication

By Cathy Sanderson

The team of Marilyn Standerford and Jean Hampton have quickly and consistently updated the ASFA website throughout the year. A heartfelt thank you to Marilyn and Jean for their dedication – their contributions have truly made a positive impact!

Website Liaison Report

By Marilyn Standerford, Chair

I do appreciate it when the members of the fancy let me know of an error on the website so we can get it fixed, quickly. You may contact me at webmaster@asfa.org. I can research to see if I get the same error or if there is truly something wrong with the site. Sometimes all it takes is for you to clear your cache or refresh your page for the updates to show, but we can work that out together.

Website

After the ACoD each year, the following updates are submitted to the website. All reports and updates come from the chairs of the respective committees.

- ASFA Board of Directors roster
- ASFA Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Membership makeup
- ASFA Hall of Fame Inductees

- The Gary Forrester award
- EPA and Club Incentive Awards
- Records 101
- Policies, as identified and ratified at the ACoD or by the Board throughout the year
- Ensure the @asfa.org addresses are updated to forward to the correct personal e-mail address.
- Update any forms with current chair and contact information, if required, and post to the website.
- In August, update the ASFA Running Rules with:
 - the approved REC proposals,
 - the Constitution with the approved CRC proposals
 - any LCI approved proposals
 - any experimental programs added

Weekly, or as received from the Scheduling Chair, the ASFA Trial Schedule is updated.

Monthly updates to the website include ASFA Titles, Judges Licensing, and other reports as submitted by committee chairs. I also maintain the NEWS section on the home page.

The Communique is posted to the ASFA website within a few days of receipt from the committee.

Our webmaster charges us by “time”, similar to a lawyer. Therefore, she may wait until she has a full 15 minutes to use for posting, unless I tell her it is urgent. She is trying to save us money as well by doing it in this manner.

Titles

All reports are submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt from Records. We are working on the minimal requirement for reformatting. The holdback is that the LCI and the Singles records have to be manually tabulated and reported. This is a time-consuming task for the Records Coordinator.

Trial Schedules

All reports are formatted and submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt from Scheduling.

Membership

All reports are submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt from Membership Chair. I review, but do not re-format these.

Judges Licensing

All reports are submitted to the webmaster in a timely manner within receipt from Judges Licensing Chair.

Contact Us

There were 58 e-mails to the Webmaster via the website. These were answered in a timely manner.

As the internet liaison, I am authorized (by policy) to answer any of the questions sent in that are regarding the website or its functionality. If the question is not regarding the website directly, I am required to forward any e-mails to the Corresponding Secretary or Records for an "official" response.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Standerford
webmaster@asfa.org

Judges Licensing and Committee

By Greg Breitbach

This year has seen an increase in participation by individuals interested in obtaining their ASFA license.

It is worth repeating that when clubs hire judges, they look to the judges list and try to incorporate provisional judges into their panels. Also, the FTS should know the breeds and numbers attending their trials on the average when assigning a provisional their breeds. Each provisional can judge up to 4 breeds as provisional in addition to the breeds they are already licensed for. If additional provisional assignment of breeds is desired for a trial, please obtain approval from your Regional Director prior to additional assignments.

Following is a list of current provisional judges:

Meyer, Bob
Schreiber,
Karla
Smith, Marni
Taylor, Jane
Voss, Lisa

Buhrdorf,	
Russel	Licensed for: B,Ib,SW,W
Sanders,	
Paul	Licensed for: Ba,G,Ig,RR,W
Cheung,	
Gordon	Licensed for: IB,W, G
Yerty, Elaine	Licensed For: A,B,W

Each month I provide a report which includes when individuals request licensing. That is the time for everyone to provide feedback to the judges licensing on each individual listed.

Each report also includes any change in contact information.

This year, everyone has been responsive in contacting me when judging assignments are missed or being missed due to events in their lives.

One note to individuals looking to start the licensing process, please refer to the running rule Chapter XI prior to your journey. Accuracy and following the process improves the speed of obtaining approvals.

Gregory Breitbach

Judges Committee Report

By Greg Bretibach

Members: Darci Kunard, Ben Brodeur, Leigh Littleton, Justin Dannenberg, Josie Haumont, Scott Hurlbert (president)

There were no pressing issues before the committee this year. Informal discussions were held throughout the year at events.

This year we will be doing a deep dive into how to provide more opportunities for provisional judges to obtain the necessary numbers for their licensing.

Long Range Planning Committee

by Jennifer Gysler

(Jennifer Gysler, Greg Breitbach, Linda D'Antonio, Scott Hurlbert, Kathy Sanders, Cathy Sanderson)

The LRP is moving forward with preparing a seminar to be made available to ASFA club in the areas of huntmastering, field set up, and other areas of interest.

Pop Quiz!

During the ACoD we will be asking those in attendance for the input as to preferred areas of interest for these programs: Huntmastering / Inspection; Importance of Course Design / Is the course right for your hound?; Introduction to the roles of volunteers at a Field Trial / explanation of paperwork; Conditioning / Injury Prevention; What are the judges thinking; Explore the ASFA websites

LRP will work in conjunction with the Field Trial Improvement Committee on some of these topics.

Membership Committee Report

Ping Pirrung, Chair

Purpose: The purpose the Membership Committee is to not only collect the annual dues from all ASFA Clubs, but to also assist and approve clubs that wish to become affiliated with the ASFA.

I wish to thank my committee members: Cindy Antonik, Russ Jacobs, Jayme Jones and Pat Spinazzola for being responsive and such a help to me this past year.

Goals:

- To maintain the list of clubs and delegates in a timely manner
- To keep the website updated
- To communicate with delegates and help them when needed.

Currently ASFA has 54 member club, 4 affiliate clubs, 7 fast tack affiliate clubs and 1 fast track applied club.

Last year most clubs had sent in their renewals by the deadline of the 1st of May. This year the first dues notice went out in the middle of January and many clubs responded quickly, for which I am very thankful. As I write this at the beginning of March, 50% of clubs have sent in their dues and update form. This is an improvement of 6% this year. Thank you! I am sure the liaisons get tired of getting reminder emails from me. The next notice will be going out shortly after the ACoD.

I encourage clubs when renewing to use the online form and paying with PayPal. This is very helpful on my end as well as for the club's treasury because they don't have to wait for me to send their checks to Sean to be cashed.

In 2024 we lost five clubs: Basenji Club of Southeastern Wisconsin (BCOSW), GazeHounds in Texas (GIT), Jersey Rag Racers Whippet Association (JRRWA), Lorraine Area Racing Klub (LARK) and Tulsa Sighthound Association (TSA).

On the bright side we have several clubs that applied as Fast Track, held their fun trials and have been approved as Fast Track Affiliate clubs. They are Lure Enthusiasts of Georgia Sighthounds (LEGS) – Region 7, Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (OCRRC) – Region 10 and Oklahoma Racing and Coursing Association (ORCA) – Region 4. If you are able to go to their trials, please support them and lend a helping hand.

We also have a couple of clubs that are eligible to apply for full membership this year and I will be working with them to get their application submitted and presented to the ASFA Board.

The aim is to send updates to the website in a timely manner. More at the beginning of the year then as they come in later in the year. If you see an error in your club's information, please let me know right away. If there is a delegate change, change of status of a club or new club approved in between the quarterly updates after the 1st of May, I notify the Corresponding Secretary, Scheduling, Records, the appropriate RD and the President of any changes with an email.

If your club hasn't already sent in their dues and update for, for 2025, please do it as soon as possible.

Here's to a great year of coursing. Be safe.

Policy Compilation Committee Report

(no report)

Public Outreach

(no report)

Records Coordinator (separate attachment)

2025 RD & ASFA II Committee Report

Chair (Vacant)

Members

Region 1 Paul Sanders

Region 2 Jayme Jones
Region 3 Michele Bisbee
Region 4 Shannon Hoehn
Region 5 Aryn Ping
Region 6 Holly Hamilton
Region 7 (Vacant)
Region 8 Pat Spinazzola
Region 9 Gina Whritenour
Region 10 Keith Hicks

EPA Report (Excellence in Performance Award)

By Jayme Jones, Chairperson

Each year the Regional Directors nominate club(s) for the EPA award. The winner will be announced at the ACoD. The following is a link which explains more about the award and the procedures involved: [Excellence in Performance \(asfa.org\)](https://asfa.org/excellence-in-performance-award)

Scheduling Report

By Samantha Duryee

Hi all! First of all, thank you for your patience and support as I learned the role of Scheduling Chair over the past year.

In my opinion, 2024 was a great year. Here's a quick overview of our trials:

- We scheduled a total of 221 trials throughout the year, 20 of which were cancelled/rescheduled due to various reasons.
- 53 Breed Specialties, including 9 National Specialties
- LCIs were offered in 148 trials
- 6 Regional Invitational Dates were held

A special shout out to the Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club (UCBSC). UCBSC held the most trials in 2024 with 16 trials over 7 weekends.

Overall, the premiums submitted looked great. The most common updates requested for resubmission included:

- Inclusion of a day-of-trial cell phone or on-site emergency contact number
- Inclusion of the current Scheduling Chair's name in the statement: "Permission has been granted by the American Sighthound Field Association for the holding of this event under American Sighthound Field Association Rules and Regulations.
....., Chair, ASFA Scheduling Committee"

- Updating the LCI Stakes from Senior to Excellent

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication in 2024! 2025 is off to a great start, and I am excited about the rest of the year.

Search Committee, Records Program

By Phil Fullam

A committee was formed in February 2025 to move forward on finding a viable person or organization to bring the Records Program to fruition.

A draft Request For Proposal has been written and is in review by the committee. The focus is on developing a database program that will replace the current Microsoft Access Data Base, increasing the functionality, and eliminate the need for manually maintained spread sheets for dog records.

It is anticipated that this RFP should be available for distribution sometime in April.

Phil Fullam

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACoD Site Selection

ACoD Planning Committee

Advisory Committee on Animal Issues (separate attachment)

Gary Forrester Award (separate attachment)

Lure Coursing Hall of Fame (separate attachment)

Constitutional Review Committee

By Ping Pirrung

Rules Evaluation Committee Report

Marilyn Standerford, Chair

REC Members: Russ Jacobs and Kathy Sanders

Alternates: Ping Pirrung and Phil Dean

The Rules Evaluation Committee was tasked with one motion from the ASFA Board of Directors. This motion was to allow dogs running in a trial to have tracking devices on their blankets and that this be referred to REC for appropriate language.

Through the discussion and research of the committee, we felt rather than being a rule, this is better determined as an Operational Policy. We felt that this is more of a guideline than a rule.

If we can have more input from the fancy, we can better determine the need for this to be included in the Running Rules. We are happy to share our research, and information that we have collected from other running organizations that do allow this type of option.

Originally, the discussion was for Air Tags, but there may be other electronic tracking devices that would be small enough to use. As you know, we do not want to use a "brand name" as that limits the usage.

We need to consider that the use of this ETD (electronic tracking device):

1. Cannot distract other hounds, handlers, or judges during the course, or during trial hours
2. Would need to be in a pocket sewn under the top of the blanket near the neck
3. The ETD cannot make any noise or audibly "ping" while on the course
4. The device should not exceed 2 inches X 2 inches
5. Cannot dangle or hang from the blanket in any way that it can get caught on other hounds, the string, or the slip lead.
6. Cannot risk ingestion by another hound.

Animal Advisory Committee Report – March 2025

Kathy Sanders, Chair

Dear ASFA Members,

The protection and welfare of animals continue to gain strong legislative support across the country. In recent years, we've seen important successes at both state and federal levels that reflect growing public commitment to humane treatment, responsible ownership, and animal protection. These achievements are the result of collaborative efforts by lawmakers, advocacy organizations, and individuals who recognize that safeguarding animals also strengthens our communities.

I am pleased to briefly highlight some of these legislative victories that demonstrate how impactful and far-reaching our collective voice can be.

The following list highlights some of the legislative successes through December 31, 2024. These and other victories have been won in cooperation with AKC federations, clubs, and responsible dog owners and breeders around the country who continue to work tirelessly to promote positive canine legislation in their state and community.

Federal

U.S. Congress: In December, President Biden signed the Beagle Brigade Act, which provides statutory funding authority for the National Detector Dog Training Center operated by U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS). The center, located in Newnan, Georgia, trains dogs to inspect passenger baggage, cargo, mailed packages, and vehicles to detect foreign pests and diseases that threaten domestic agriculture and natural resources. AKC has strongly advocated for this funding for many years and thanks Congressmen Sanford Bishop and Senate sponsors Warnock, Ernst and Crapo for their leadership on advancing this important measure.

U.S. Congress: The Working Dog Health and Welfare Act (HR 6950/S 2414) was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in late December and signed into law by President Biden shortly thereafter. The measure requires implementation of recommended protections and standards of care for U.S. Government working dogs as outlined in the January 2022 Government Accountability Office report, Working Dogs: Federal Agencies Need to Better Address Health and Welfare. The Senate passed this bill in January. AKC has been a strong advocate for this measure and thanks Sen. Braun for his leadership on the bill.

Arizona

[Senate Bill 1047](#) seeks to regulate dogs outdoors. It provides specific exemptions for police and working dogs, hunting, training, "sporting and competitive functions", and

“lawful competitions”. As introduced, the bill also included a new definition of “extreme weather”, defined by a heat advisory, certain weather warnings (such as a monsoon, dust storm, etc.), and when the temperature is below 32 degrees or over 100 degrees. Although in this measure it only applied to when proper bedding was required, AKC was concerned about the definition being used in the future to restrict when dogs could be outside, without consideration for the needs and abilities of specific breeds. References to “extreme weather” were removed from the bill. The bill was held in the House.

Senate Bill 1204 would have expanded current problematic law in matters relating to seizure of animals. It expanded when an animal may be seized and increases the amount of the bond required per animal to cover boarding, veterinary care and impound fees. While the money would be returned if the owner is found not guilty, current law would still cause an owner to lose the animals if they do not pay the bond within 10 days. It also allowed for third parties to care for the animal during the proceedings. AKC contacted the sponsor asking for clarification on the requirements for those permitted to care for the animals, and for the owner be given the right to approve who cares for the animal. It was held in the Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee.

California

AB-2425 expanded requirements on animal shelters relative to animal adoption and attempted to expand the definition of what constitutes a dog breeder in California to be anyone who transfers 2 litters or 10 dogs from existing law of 3 litters or 20 dogs transferred. AKC GR expressed opposition to the new definition of dog breeder in written and oral testimony, issued alerts, and communicated with the author's office and committee staff. It was held in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee and will not advance this year.

Colorado

[House Bill 24-1458](#) establishes a Division of Animal Welfare within the Department of Agriculture to provide education, create voluntary programs, and award grants. AKC GR met with the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs, who met with key stakeholders to discuss their questions with the bill as introduced. As a result, the bill was amended to allow for a stakeholder process and CFDC will be very involved in those efforts. The bill was signed by the governor.

Connecticut

[SB 339](#) would require restitution to be paid by anyone who injures or kills a police K-9 or volunteer search and rescue dog, including costs for incurred veterinary services and costs incurred in the purchase and training of a replacement dog. AKC supported the bill in the Public Safety and Security Committee on March 7, 2024. The committee voted

it favorably and the Senate voted passage on May 2. The House voted it favorably on May 8. [AKC's update](#) noted how to register support with the Governor and it became law on May 28.

[HB 5223](#) seeks among other changes, to amend the legal definition of “grooming facility” to include those doing business in “any vehicle or trailer”. During a February 28 hearing on the bill by the Joint Committee on Environment, AKC and the Connecticut Federation of Dog Clubs requested a bill amendment to ensure that the bill's language would not be broadly interpreted to include professional handlers exhibiting in the state. Following AKC's request and a meeting with legislative and administrative staff, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture determined that those who groom a dog in preparation for a competitive event would not be impacted by the language.

[HB 5304](#) would designate the Siberian Husky as the state dog and the lollipop as the state candy. The Joint Government Administration and Elections Committee held a public hearing on March 8 and voted it favorably on March 22. It passed the House on April 17 and the Senate on May 8. After [AKC's update](#) on how to register support with the Governor, it was signed into law June 5. The Connecticut Valley Siberian Husky Club has offered to attend a ceremonial bill signing with their beloved dogs, if scheduled.

Delaware

[HB 124](#) prohibits owners from allowing dogs to bark continuously for more than 15 minutes, or intermittently for more than 30 minutes per day. The bill provides exemptions for dogs barking if a person is trespassing on private property; an animal is intruding on private property; or the dog is being teased or provoked. The bill also exempts dogs located in animal shelters; pet stores; dog grooming facilities; veterinarian offices; animal clinics; boarding facilities; and dog daycare. Although not all AKC GR's concerns were addressed, after discussions with the sponsor, AKC GR was successful in having the bill amended to exempt dogs engaged in any lawful activity including training, hunting, performance events, herding, etc. The bill, as amended, was signed by the Governor.

Florida

HB 7073, which among other provisions reenacts state sales tax holidays on certain disaster preparation supplies, was signed by the Governor as [Chapter 2024-158](#). The 2024 sales tax holiday dates are June 1-June 14 and August 24-September 6. AKC and the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs supported this provision, which applies to certain supplies used for the evacuation of pets.

[HB 297/SB 272](#) sought to authorize a court to appoint a separate advocate regarding an animal's welfare in prosecutions and certain other court proceedings. AKC GR submitted a letter of concern on this legislation. SB 272 passed in the Senate Judiciary

Committee, then died in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. HB 297 died in the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

[CS HB 873](#) /[CS SB 1156](#) sought to expand dangerous dog provisions and requirements and establish a dangerous dog registry. AKC GR recommended amendatory language; HB 873 was favorably amended in the House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee; and SB 1156 was favorably amended in the Senate Committee on Agriculture. However, neither bill additionally advanced prior to end of session, and both bills died in their respective committees. [Read more about this legislation.](#)

CS/HB 87, among other provisions, allows the use of lethal force against a bear when necessary to avoid an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to a person or pet, or substantial damage to a dwelling. American Kennel Club Government Relations (AKC GR) expressed support for enabling dog owners to protect their dogs from attack by a bear under strictly specified circumstances and discussed this bill with Florida Association of Kennel Clubs members during a strategy and advocacy meeting. HB 87 was signed by the governor as [Chapter No. 2024-256](#) on June 21, 2024, and took effect on July 1, 2024.

CS/HB 303, HB 849, and several interrelated bills sought to authorize the practice of veterinary telehealth and/or would authorize an employee, agent, or contractor of a county or municipal animal control authority to vaccinate dogs, cats, and ferrets against rabies under certain circumstances. In 2023, AKC discussed versions of these bills with legislative sponsors, including positive and potentially problematic provisions, and monitored the 2024 bills throughout session. AKC also conferred on these bills with Florida Association of Kennel Clubs members during a strategy and advocacy meeting and encouraged stakeholders to provide input to their lawmakers. HB 303, which authorizes certain persons to administer rabies vaccinations to certain animals under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian, was signed by the governor as [Chapter No. 2024-258](#) on June 21, 2024. HB 849, which provides for the practice of veterinary telehealth, was signed by the governor as [Chapter No. 2024-260](#) on June 21, 2024. Both bills took effect July 1, 2024.

CS2/SB 1084, among numerous other provisions, reenacts sections of state law on the justified killing of a dog that attacks livestock and the dog owner's liability for damages. AKC discussed this bill with Florida Association of Kennel Clubs members during a strategy and advocacy meeting and monitored amendatory actions. CS2/SB 1084 passed in both chambers without problematic amendments to the section affecting dogs, was signed by the governor on May 1, 2024, as [Chapter No. 2024-137](#), and took effect July 1, 2024.

Georgia

[SB 142](#), as introduced, sought to problematically expand the definition of “dangerous dog.” Among other requirements, the owner of a “dangerous dog” would have been required to provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000 specific to bodily injury or property damage caused by the dog. AKC GR provided recommended amendatory language to the Georgia Canine Coalition, and the bill was positively amended by committee substitute in the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee on February 22, 2024. The [committee substitute](#) included more reasonable provisions and required liability insurance in the amount of \$50,000. However, the bill received no additional action and did not advance prior to end of session.

[HR 1368](#), which commends the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs and recognizes May 1, 2024, as Purebred Dog Day in the State of Georgia, was adopted by the House of Representatives on 3/7/24. HR 1368 is in addition to SR 344, which was adopted by the Georgia Senate to recognize Purebred Dog Day. [Read more about this resolution.](#)

Senate Resolution 344, which commends the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs and recognizes May 1, 2024, as Purebred Dog Day in the State of Georgia, was adopted by the Georgia Senate on January 24, 2024. [Click here](#) then click “Current Version” to read the resolution in its entirety. Gail LaBerge, President of the Georgia Canine Coalition, worked tirelessly to advance this resolution. [Read more.](#)

Hawai'i

[SB 2120](#) sought to limit any retail pet store from selling any pet animal (dogs, cats, domesticated rabbits, guinea pigs, domesticated pigs, or caged birds) unless it was in operation in the state before January 1, 2025, provided it was in operation in the same location under the same ownership as of that date. SB 2120 would have also required pet stores that sell pet animals to maintain records regarding the source and medical history of the animals sold; and to provide records to pet purchasers, and, upon request, to county law enforcement agencies. AKC expressed opposition to the SB 2120's pet shop sourcing restrictions. An amended SB 2120 passed the Senate without those restrictions. The bill failed to garner additional consideration prior to the end of the legislative session.

Indiana

House Bill 1412 allows pet stores to continue to operate in the state and overturns current local retail bans that have already passed in several Indiana communities. The bill also mandates the registration of all rescues that transfer more than 12 dogs in the state and allows for inspections of rescues if there are complaints about the care of the animals. At the request of AKC and the Indiana Purebred Dog Alliance, the Senate Agriculture Committee amended the bill to ensure it solely addressed standards for pet stores and commercial breeders who source to them, and remove language that

could have been misconstrued as requiring hobby breeders to comply with standards designed for large commercial kennels. [With this amendment, AKC was neutral on the bill](#), which was signed by the governor and went into effect on July 1, 2024.

Kansas

HB 2542 as introduced would have required licensees under the Kansas Pet Animal Act to post a bond for the care of animals if they are seized by the Department of Agriculture for violations of the Act. The bill had no limits on the amount of the bond/cost of care and AKC participated in multiple meetings with key legislators and agency staff to convey our concern that even if someone does not mistreat their animals, they can ultimately lose ownership simply because they cannot afford to post a bond. The bill was amended to remove all bond for care language, along with many other provisions. It will not advance this year.

Kentucky

[HB 258](#) defines "serious physical injury or infirmity," redefines "torture," provides that torture of a dog or cat is a Class D felony, and provides that each act may constitute a separate offense. Existing law and HB 258 include necessary exemptions, and this bill specifically exempts breed-specific alterations such as cropping ears, docking tails, and declawing a cat when performed by a veterinarian. A Committee Substitute bill that was discussed by AKC GR with legislative staff and was supported by AKC and allied organizations was signed by the Governor on April 4.

Louisiana

SB 476 criminalizes the use of bait dogs in training dogs for dog fighting. AKC proposed an amendment to clarify and strengthen the definition of "bait dog" to include any dog abused as a bait dog, regardless of its temperament. SB 476 was signed by Governor Jeff Landry, became [Act No. 359](#), and takes effect August 1, 2024.

HB 224 prohibits ownership of an animal by person who has been convicted of cruelty to animals, with the length of prohibition related to the level of the offense and the number of previous convictions. The bill was positively amended to change "shall" to "may" in regard to court action, which gives a court discretion in sentencing based on the nature of the offense and allows a court to consider the impact of such prohibitions on innocent family members. AKC communicated support for the bill to legislative staff. It was signed by the governor as [Act No. 551](#) on June 10, 2024, and takes effect August 1.

HB 407, among other provisions, establishes requirements for support animals and service dogs. AKC monitored both problematic and positive amendments throughout the legislative process and expressed support for certain amendments to the bill. It was signed by the governor as [Act No. 558](#) on June 10, 2024, and took effect August 1, 2024.

Maine

On March 12, [S.P. 979](#) was filed recognizing May 1 as Purebred Dog Day. It was immediately adopted in the Senate and the House concurred with its adoption the next day, March 13. On March 20, it was passed to be enacted.

Massachusetts

Massachusetts – [HB 747](#), [HB 826](#), [SB 549](#), and [SB 550](#) would require Massachusetts licensed pet shops or future pet shops to only provide the public with dogs and cats sourced from animal shelter or rescue organizations. In AKC's experience, the number of puppies produced by responsible breeders does not satisfy demand. Shelter and rescue animals are not the best option for every family that wants a pet. AKC issued [an alert](#) and provided testimony in opposition to these bills at the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources' public hearing. The bill was re-drafted and voted favorably as [SB 2820](#) before being sent to the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The Legislature ended formal lawmaking for the year on August 1 and this bill did not advance.

Massachusetts – [HB 4241](#) is an abuse and exploitation prevention bill that would also define "coercive control" allowing issuance of restraining orders when a person commits or threatens to commit cruelty or abuse to animals connected to the family or household member. AKC supports the bill. It passed the House and was amended in the Senate Ways and Means Committee before being released for further amendment and adoption by the full Senate as [SB 2703](#). A conference committee resolved differences in the two bills and released [HB 4744](#) which was enacted and signed by the Governor as [Chapter 118 of the Acts of 2024](#).

Massachusetts – As introduced in 2023, the [SB 190](#) bill title indicated it would prohibit the declawing of cats unless a therapeutic reason offered by a veterinarian deemed it necessary and performed the surgery. After a favorable report by the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure it was sent to Senate Ways and Means Committee. In January 2024, SB 190 was amended and released as [SB 2552](#) before passage in the Senate. SB 2552 would prohibit the declawing of [animals](#) unless a therapeutic reason offered by a veterinarian deemed it necessary to perform the procedure. AKC believes removing dewclaws on puppies less than five days old is an injury prevention measure that should not be considered cruelty and expressed these concerns. The Legislature ended formal lawmaking for the year on August 1, but on December 30 the House amended SB 2552 with [H. 5160](#) to limit the ban solely to cats before advancing it to the Senate for agreement and forwarding it to the Governor.

[HB 2019](#) and [SB 1309](#) ("Ollie's Law") as introduced would have imposed requirements such as staffing ratios for boarding, training, dog daycare, breeding and personal

kennels. They would also have authorized animal control officers to inspect and tell you how many dogs you are allowed to own and enforce a new “personal breeder kennel” license for anyone with more than 4 intact female dogs over 6 months who transfers any offspring. Personal breeder kennels and commercial breeder kennels would have been held to the same future regulations. AKC issued an [alert](#) and communicated with lawmakers in opposition. In April 2024, the Joint Municipalities and Regional Government Committee favorably released Senate and House companion mirror bills, [HB 4564](#) and [SB 2731](#), which have moved to their respective Ways and Means Committees. AKC is appreciative the committee removed the anti-breeder text from the bill.

[HB 801](#) would eliminate a 48-hour facility quarantine requirement when animals are imported from neighboring states for resale or imported directly to permanent or temporary Massachusetts foster homes. AKC is concerned HB 801 may reduce compliance and increase the risk of communicable disease spread to animals and people in Massachusetts. The Environment and Natural Resources Committee sent it to study order on May 23.

[SB 1056](#) would, among other provisions, require a minimum of 100 square feet per dog for outdoor enclosures and ban the kenneling of any dog outside unattended for more than 5 hours or from 10pm to 6am. AKC opposed the measure as introduced. On February 6 the bill was sent to study order and will not advance.

[HB 1557](#) would establish an animal abuser registry, which would list all those who reside in Massachusetts and have been convicted of an animal abuse crime. Abuser registration would remain in effect for five years, and those convicted of animal abuse would be required to pay \$50 annually to be included. Those failing to fully comply with the registration requirements would be subject to prison terms up to five years and fines up to \$5,000. All animal breeders in Massachusetts would be required to check the registry prior to transferring a pet and would be prohibited from transferring an animal to any person listed on the registry. Breeders failing to comply would be subject to fines of not less than \$1,000 and imprisonment of up to five years for failure to comply. This was sent to study on June 5.

[SB 1311](#) would eliminate from current law, text that exempts from pet shop licensure any person selling, exchanging or otherwise transferring the offspring of their personally owned animals. After a public hearing in the Joint Municipalities and Regional Government Committee the committee requested an extension until June 14 to consider it. Read AKC's [alert](#). The bill was sent to study order on June 17.

Minnesota

[HF 3410/SF 3458](#) attempted to remove from current law an explicit declaration that data collected by the MN Board of Animal Health on commercial dog breeders is

private or nonpublic. The bill would also have: (1) Clarified that a kennel licensed by the state must include its state license number or a symbol approved by the Board in all of its advertisements or promotions that pertain to animals being sold or traded, including but not limited to all advertisements or promotions in newspapers and flyers or on the Internet or radio; (2) Added that the Board must post on its website a list of kennels and dealers licensed and in good standing, including the number of animals kept by the licensee in the previous year; at minimum, copies of the three most recent inspection reports submitted to the Board; and a list of kennels or dealers whose licenses have expired or been revoked over the past three years, including business names that licensees used, total number of animals kept in the previous year; and reasons for revocation; and (3) Added that the Board inspection report must contain all business names used by the commercial breeder, the facility identification number, and the address and name of the facility. AKC expressed concerns that publication of sensitive information may provide anti-breeder protestors or animal rights extremists with facility location information, and lead to harassment of licensees or business interruptions at their facilities, including at private homes. Both bills failed to progress beyond committee consideration prior to the end of the legislative session.

New Hampshire

[SB 587](#) as introduced allowed animals as part of a litter transported into the state to be quarantined together. As filed, the bill could result in additional quarantine exemptions. AKC submitted testimony expressing concern and, with NH DOGS, requested an amendment. [The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources adopted the amendment](#) and the [amended bill](#) has passed the House and Senate.

[HB 1501](#) would repeal the requirement that cats and dogs be registered annually. AKC testified in opposition at a House Environment and Agriculture Committee's February 21 public hearing and the committee voted it inexpedient to legislate on March 13 and the full House agreed on March 28.

[HB 1505](#) would establish an animal abuse offender registry. The House Environment and Agriculture Committee received AKC testimony in opposition for the February 20 public hearing because registries have not been shown to deter animal abuse and alternative enforcement methods are more effective. The committee voted the bill inexpedient to legislate on March 5.

[HB 1556](#) would remove the requirement that dogs exempt from the rabies vaccine requirement be muzzled when outside. AKC testified in opposition at a House Environment and Agriculture Committee's February 21 public hearing and the committee voted it inexpedient to legislate on March 13 and the full House agreed on March 28.

[HB 1173](#) would authorize seizure and a court order to issue and euthanize any dog that has attacked a human being or a domestic animal that resulted in the puncture or tearing of skin, two or more times within a 12-month period. AKC expressed concerns at a House Environment and Agriculture Committee's February 21 public hearing that the bill did not account for instances where a dog might respond to a trespasser or have been provoked. The committee voted it inexpedient to legislate on March 13 and the full House agreed on March 28.

[HB 1316](#) would define "co-ownership" of dogs so the city of Manchester, NH could verify whether dogs being boarded at an individual's house without the proper zoning permit is valid or not. AKC reached out to the bill sponsor and city to identify an alternative solution. AKC submitted testimony in opposition to the House Environment and Agriculture's February 21 public hearing noting the bill would remove privacy protections for some New Hampshire dog owners. On March 13, the committee voted the bill inexpedient to legislative expecting a local solution would be found and the full House agreed on March 28.

[HB 1684](#) seeks to expand the relationship eligible for "loss of consortium" damages in civil cases to include pet owners in cases involving the person's pet when its death was caused intentionally or recklessly. AKC expressed opposition to the bill, which was considered by the House Judiciary Committee on February 21, 2024. The committee voted it inexpedient to legislate on March 12.

[SB 541](#) would have defined "pet vendor" as related to a "retail pet store" as a licensee that transfers animals at retail to the public from a physical facility. It would also: cap "retail pet stores" to the transfer of cats and dogs at 2023 levels; prohibit the sale of "retail pet stores" to anyone but family members; and require future NH "retail pet stores" to source dogs and cats only from animal shelters. AKC issued [an alert](#) and testified in opposition. The committee voted February 6 to refer the bill to interim study. A companion bill, [HB 1680](#), was considered by the House Environment and Agriculture Committee. AKC testified in opposition with NH DOGS and the bill was voted inexpedient to legislate on February 6. Details are [here](#).

[HB 1102](#) would label brachycephaly a "birth deformity" and make the breeding or sale of any animal that has a "birth deformity" that causes suffering a criminal act. A public hearing was conducted on March 5, 2024. AKC worked closely with its New Hampshire federation (Dog Owners of the Granite State) to establish a broad coalition in opposition, and to organize and prepare extensive testimony, alerts and public outreach, scientific rebuttal and educational information. Following the hearing, at which more than 80% of submitted testimony was in opposition, the committee voted the measure "inexpedient to legislate". AKC and DOGS continued to educate and advocate in opposition to this radical bill, and on March 28, the full House voted to lay

the bill on the table and it was not considered further before the session adjourned June 30.

[HB 1526](#) would enable the Board of Veterinary Medicine to issue a conditional veterinary license for veterinarians who are educated in other countries. Multiple reports of a New Hampshire veterinarian shortage exist. AKC submitted testimony on February 6 in support of enhancing access after issuing [this alert](#). The committee voted the bill favorably and the full House passed it on March 28 by voice vote. It was referred to the Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee, which held a hearing on May 1. AKC submitted testimony in support. The committee voted favorably and [amended HB 1526](#) to make the conditional license good for two years. It passed the Senate and on May 30 the House voted amended HB 1526 favorably. AKC submitted a letter of support to the Governor and issued this [call to action](#). Governor Sununu signed it into law.

New York

Senate Bill 142 and Assembly Bill 3569 sought to ban “debarking”. AKC opposed these bills and issued alerts to clubs and letters to officials expressing opposition. S. 142 passed the Senate and was assigned to the Assembly Agriculture Committee. A. 3569 passed the Assembly Agriculture Committee on May 21 but was held in the Rules Committee. Neither bill ultimately passed before the end of session.

Senate Bill 4993/ A. 6244 expand the opportunities for owners to bring dogs to state parks, so long as they are in compliance with certain rules and regulations. AKC and local clubs support this legislation, submitted a memorandum of support to the sponsors, the governor, and key lawmakers, issued alerts to clubs and created a flyer for Meet the Breeds urging support. The legislation overwhelmingly passed both chambers, however, it was vetoed by the governor.

Pennsylvania

House Bill 2413, which was amended into [Senate Bill 82](#) by Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee provided amendments to laws regarding quarantine for breed rescues and [provided a limited exemption](#) from the out-of-state boarding kennel requirement for a certification of veterinary inspections for dogs who come to boarding facilities in the Commonwealth from bordering states. AKC GR worked with members of the General Assembly and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to expand the exemption language which ultimately resulted in the bill being further amended by the House to remove the requirement for a certificate of veterinary inspection if the dog is to be boarded for less than 30 days. Governor Shapiro signed the bill which went into effect on September 6, 2024. [Read more.](#)

West Mifflin Borough Council was to hold a public hearing and consider an ordinance at its June 18, 2024, meeting that would limit the number of animals that may be kept or

maintained on any property. According to the proposed ordinance, “It shall be lawful for any person/owner to keep pets, but no more than three dogs and no more than five cats and/or dogs combined in total over the age of six months in a structure, living unit or unimproved land.” For example, a person/owner may lawfully have three dogs and two cats, or two dogs and three cats or five cats; but may never have more than 3 dogs. After hearing [from AKC GR](#) and hundreds of their constituents, the council withdrew the proposed ordinance prior to the public hearing.

Rhode Island

[HB 7639](#) sought to declare that animals would no longer be considered as property under the law, reversing centuries of legal tradition and potentially destabilizing laws impacting animals. The bill was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee. After discussions with AKC and the state veterinarian, the bill sponsor withdrew the bill from further consideration.

[HB 7294](#) would prohibit captive hunting for domestic or wild animals without prohibiting the release of upland game birds for hunting on licensed shooting preserves. AKC negotiated a clarifying amendment with proponents of the bill to ensure that adoption would not interfere with lawful field trials.

South Carolina

[HB 4611](#) makes it an offense for a person to intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar or other electronic device that was placed on a dog by its owner. AKC sent letters of support for this legislation, which was signed by Governor Henry McMaster on May 20, 2024, and took effect immediately.

[SC H 3238](#), among other provisions, sought to require a person, on a second conviction for animal cruelty, to forfeit all animals and to not own an animal for up to five years, regardless of the nature or severity of the offense. AKC expressed concern that the scope of H.3238 was overreaching. For example, it is an animal cruelty offense in South Carolina to dye or artificially color an animal or to bring a dyed animal into the state. An owner who colored their dog's tail with pet-safe dye could be found guilty of animal cruelty and under this bill, the court would be mandated on any second offense to impose these significant penalties. The bill did not receive a hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary during the two-year session.

Tennessee

On May 9, 2024, Governor Bill Lee signed into law SB 1867, the “Beyond Ordinary Learning Opportunities (BOLO) Act.” Named after Bolo, a Lagotto Romagnolo therapy dog, this law recognizes the value of a “calm, obedient canine that is trained to provide support, comfort, and companionship to people in educational, health, and therapeutic settings.” It requires the Tennessee Department of Education to establish a

one-year pilot program to place a therapy dog in five public schools during the 2024-2025 school year. AKC thanks Representative Gino Bulso and Senator Joey Hensley for sponsoring this legislation. It was enacted as [Public Chapter 954](#) and took effect immediately. [Read more.](#)

SB 2478 helps protect the rights of animal owners by prohibiting a state or local department or agency from entering private property without probable cause to believe that a criminal offense has occurred or is occurring, the consent of the property owner, a warrant, or a recognized warrant exception, and requires a member of a society incorporated for the prevention of cruelty to animals to notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency of the member's intent to make an arrest or interfere to prevent an act of cruelty and the circumstances justifying the action before doing so. AKC GR submitted letters of support for this legislation and thanked Senator Joey Hensley and Representative Clay Doggett for sponsoring the bills. SB 2478 was enacted on April 17, 2024, as [Public Chapter 704](#) and took effect July 1, 2024.

HB 2266 positively amends state laws governing rental housing to establish that "reliable documentation" regarding the need for a support animal does not include documentation provided through a website, the primary function of which is to provide a certificate, registration, license, or similar document for a service animal or support animal for a fee. AKC strongly condemns characterizing dogs as service animals when they are not, and in prior sessions discussed with legislative staff the wording of certain provisions to help ensure compliance with federal law. HB 2266 was enacted on April 22 as [Public Chapter 754](#) and took effect July 1, 2024. [Read more.](#)

HB 1635, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, prohibits emotional support animals that are not trained or being trained as service animals from being brought into indoor areas of food service establishments. Prior to supporting the bill, AKC GR reached out and confirmed with legislative staff that food providers that operate in conjunction with animal events would not be negatively affected. HB 1635 was enacted as [Public Chapter 566](#) on March 15, 2024, and took effect immediately.

SB1957 establishes a process for a licensed veterinarian to report suspected animal cruelty and to testify in a judicial or administrative proceeding concerning the care of the animal without being subject to criminal or civil liability. The bills specify that the veterinarian will be acting in a professional capacity and in a current veterinarian-client-patient relationship, and have reasonable cause to believe that an animal has been subjected to animal cruelty in violation of Tennessee state laws § 39-14-202, § 39-14-214, or § 39-14-217. AKC GR monitored this legislation throughout the 2024 legislative session and encouraged interested dog owners to express their support. SB 1957 was enacted as [Public Chapter 584](#) on March 15, 2024, and took effect immediately. [Read more.](#)

[HB 2938/SB 2513](#) sought to require the licensure of “commercial” dog breeders by the Department of Commerce and Insurance. Licensure would have been based on the number of dogs owned rather than on commercial activity or sales. AKC submitted letters of opposition that included information on a previous costly and overreaching state commercial dog breeder bill that was enacted in 2009 with a sunset clause and allowed to expire in 2014. House Bill 2938 was taken off notice in committee and SB 2513 did not advance prior to the end of session.

[HB 1320/SB 835](#) sought to criminalize restraining a dog with a chain, cord, tether, cable, or similar device under certain weather forecasts and during evacuation orders. While AKC advocates that dogs should never be tethered in a manner that could cause harm to them, these bills were problematic in that they did not consider that forecasted conditions might not occur where a dog is kept or that tethers can be used to safely restrain a dog prior to or during an evacuation. AKC submitted a letter outlining these concerns. The bills did not advance in committees prior to the end of session. [Read more.](#)

Utah

House Bill 478 as introduced sought to regulate breeders in the state, and included multiple amendments requested by AKC on a previous version from 2023. The House of Representatives [removed all the breeder requirements from the bill](#) and instead passed a bill with standards and requirements for shelters and rescues. [The bill as amended](#) was signed by the governor and went into effect on May 1, 2024.

Vermont

[H. 626](#) is a comprehensive animal welfare bill to establish a Division of Animal Welfare at the Department of Public Safety that would develop, implement, and administer a centralized program for investigating and enforcing animal welfare requirements in the State. It also would amend or establish standards for the operation of animal shelters and animal rescue organizations and detail requirements for the importation or transportation of animals into the State. The bill was referred to the House Government Operations and Military Affairs Committee which has held multiple meetings and ultimately reviewed and approved an [amended H. 626](#) that is much narrower in scope. It would establish a new Director responsible for developing a legislative roadmap on how to move forward in creating, and funding, a new division with comprehensive responsibility for all activities. The new position would be funded by the state and an additional \$2 surcharge on dog licenses advocated for by the Committee on Ways and Means. The bill was amended on April 16 to provide an extended implementation date and approved by the Committee on Appropriations. Upon passage in the House, amended H. 626 was [further amended](#) by Senate Government Operations Committee on May 2 to require animal care standards for animals imported, in addition to animals housed; and to require state agencies to estimate the number of animal welfare

complaints received annually. It passed in the Senate and the House concurred with the Senate amendment on May 10. The Governor signed it into law on June 10. Details are [here](#).

Washington

HB 1012 is a bill carried over from 2023 that will provide state grants to localities so they can protect their citizens and their pets during extreme weather events. This would include funding for emergency shelters, transportation and lodging during extreme weather. AKC issued written and oral testimony in support of this bill, [which was signed by the governor](#) on March 19.

West Virginia

Senate Resolution 60 declares May 1, 2024, as [Purebred Dog Day in West Virginia](#). It recognizes the dedicated individuals in West Virginia who breed dogs to develop unique, predictable characteristics that enable dogs to excel in a wide range of beneficial areas. It also recognizes the "benefits and contributions" of purebred dogs and discusses their importance to society, history, and culture. AKC thanks Adrienne Dering of the Mountaineer Kennel Club for her work on getting this resolution drafted and advanced. It passed on March 1.

The Upshur County Commission proposed a comprehensive new animal control law that included a broad definition of "dangerous dogs" to include any injury, including a scratch. AKC worked with local club members to request an amendment to remove very minor incidents such as a scratch or a puppy nipping someone, while still protecting the county from truly dangerous behavior. The county agreed to amend the proposal to address this concern.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Sanders

Awards Committee Report – March 2025

Kathy Sanders, Chair

Dear ASFA Members,

Regional Invitationals were held in Regions 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8. Special shout out to ORCA who is a newly recognized member club for hosting the Region 4 Invitational.

This is the 2nd year in a row that only 50% of the regions held an invitational, especially when we have 10 Regional Directors. I understand that clubs face challenges such as securing fields and maintaining memberships, however ASFA you need to remain engaged within your regions. Try hosting regional meetings, engage with club delegates, gather input, and provide support to our clubs, as they are the lifeblood of ASFA. Encouraging clubs to host Regional Invitationals, even if alongside regular trials, is vital for our organization's vitality.

Reminder that ASFA supplies the Rosettes & Medallions!!

Our awards inventory will be replenished where necessary. The current inventory (before replenishment) stands as follows:

Ribbons:

7 – Best in Field (BIF)	28 – Next Best Qualified (NBQ)
27 – Best of Breed (BOB)	7 – High Scoring Single
25 – 1st Place	23 – Breeder Stake
87 – 2nd Place	21 – Kennel Stake
96 – 3rd Place	24 – Bench Stake
64 – 4th Place	

Medallions:

2 – Pewter
125 – Bronze
5 – Gold

REMINDER It is the responsibility of Regional Directors to place ribbon orders and maintain records of entries and awards used each year. This record must be transferred between Regional Directors to ensure coordination with clubs hosting Regional Invitationals. After events, any unused ribbons and medallions must be returned to maintain inventory levels.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Regional Directors who effectively managed award distribution, resulting in minimal returns. Your efforts are commendable.

PUBLICITY MATTERS I urge all regions to capture moments from ribbon ceremonies, whether from Regional Invitationals, International Invitationals, or regular trials. Share these images with the Public Outreach Committee for potential inclusion on ASFA's Facebook page and Communique.

Thank you to those who continue to push through and promote ASFA. If there is anything that ASFA can do to or help with, please feel free to reach out.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sanders, Chair
ASFA Awards Committee

ASFA AWARDS – Top Dogs & Incentive Awards – March 2025

Kathy Sanders, Chair

2024 Top Dogs

Breed	Call Name	Registered Name	Owner(s)
Afghan	Rosie	Kominek's Helenium	Lisa Killian, Edward & Selma Kominek
Azawakh	Ramisi	FC Kel Simoon Ramisi 'N Sambala FCh, RN, MC, CGC, CA, FCAT	Michele Bisbee
Basenji	Chilly	GSW2, GCH, DC, Can Ch Borassus Hot.Cool.Yours. LCM12, VLCM, CAA, RATN, BCAT	Kathy Sanders
Borzoï	Bryce	Bill Del Sol Bryce Canyon Howff Carbonel LCM	Susan Van de Water
Chart Polski	Altair Anouk	Zanoza Chart Altair Zanoza Chart Anouk	Liz Duncan Liz Duncan
Galgo	Ronnie	Rescue Story	Lee Warden
Greyhound	Summertime	Lakilanni The Living is Easy FCh	Christine Laliberté
Ibizan Hound	Madyson	Bill, CKC Ch IcyCold Parallels Sixth Avenue LCM3	Dr. Karen Catt
Italian Greyhound	Lulu	FC Divine's Chocolate Bunny FCh, SC, CA, ,BCAT, GRC, JOR	Diane Kerrigan & Sarah Evans
Irish Wolfhound	Evita	Pinehurst Evita of Taryn FCh	Karen Catov-Goodell, Brenda & Gary Fairbanks
Pharaoh Hound	Jasper	GCh DC Bazinga Just a Minuteman SC JOR	Robin Phinney, Simon Tien Hansen & George Bednar
Podengo Pequeno	Truman	Ch Enchanted Annevan First And Foremost SC	Jolene & Theresa Daykin, Suzanne Faria & Kay Pedisich
Rhodesian Ridgeback	Remmy	MBIF FC Taylor Madde By Bayden For Azize LCM2 MC LCX	Brian & Tina Moodhart
Saluki	Mirage	DC Aeolus Special Effects FCh, SC	Kevin & Dawn Carlson, Kaitlyn Kraus, Michelle Ridenour
Scottish Deerhound	Windy	Dhu Mohr Earth Wind & Fire	Mary Beth Grieb & Rachael Jones DVM
Sloughi	Wren	Ocerico Huma	Elyse & Matthew Allen
Silken Windhound	Kelso	Kadlec Catch Ya On The Flipside FCh	Karen Sanders, Sue Mohler & Justine Spiers
Whippet	Hoppit	FC Hyflyte That Will Leave A Mark LCM, SC, NA, NAJ	Dara Johnson & Jo-An Courtemanche
Single	Puck (Whippet)	Wise Heart Midnight Hat Trick CPX2	Dereck van Benschoten
LCI Small	Willow	Gone Like the Wind LCC LCI LCA	Melanie Gorham
LCI Large	Rohan	OMG We Ride To Gondor	Mary Crist & Meagan Townsend
LCI Sighthound Mix	Jayyl	Xanadu Farms Jayyl LCA, LCC	Michele Bisbee
OVERALL TOP HOUND			
Ibizan Hound	Madyson	Bill, CKC Ch IcyCold Parallels Sixth Avenue LCM3	Dr. Karen Catt

**** ASFA Operational Policy, O-TITLE04 – In order for a hound to receive a Top Twenty plaque, it must satisfy at least one of the following three criteria: a) has competed in at least six trials; or b) has faced competition, or c) has won Best in Field.**

ASFA INCENTIVE AWARDS

TRIALS			
LEVEL	Club	TRIALS	Entries
PLATINUM AWARD WINNERS (17+ Trials)			
None			
GOLD AWARD WINNERS (9-16 Trials)			
	Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club	16	767
	California Coursing Association	15	217
	Colorado Lure Coursing Association	14	511
	Gazehound Association of the Smoky Mountains	13	234
	Michigan Gazehound Association	10	371
SILVER AWARD WINNERS (6-8 Trials)			
	Gazehounds of New England	8	404
	Minnesota Coursing Association	7	435
	St Louis Area Sighthounds	6	257
	Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club	6	243
	Lure Enthusiasts of Georgia Sighthounds	6	157
ENTRIES			
LEVEL	Club	Trials	ENTRIES
PLATINUM AWARD WINNERS (500+ Entries)			
	Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club	16	767
	Colorado Lure Coursing Association	14	511
GOLD AWARD WINNERS (400-499 Entries)			
	Minnesota Coursing Association	7	435
	Gazehounds of New England	8	404
SILVER AWARD WINNERS (300-399 Entries)			
	Michigan Gazehound Association	10	371

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This report was compiled using the annual stats for 2024 and presented to the 2025 ACoD.

Lori L. Zorbaugh, ASFA Records Coordinator



For the purpose of space I have changed the breeds in some of the reports to their recognized ASFA abbreviations in the reports. Abbreviations are as follows:

AH	Afghan Hounds
AZ	Azawakhs
BA	Basenji
BZ	Borzoi
CE	Cirneco Dell'Etna
CP	Chart Polski
GE	Galgo Espanol
GH	Greyhounds
IB	Ibizan Hounds
IW	Irish Wolfhounds
IG	Italian Greyhound
MA	Magyar Agar
PO	Peruvian Inca Orchids
PH	Pharaoh Hounds
PP	Portuguese Podengo
PQ	Portuguese Pequeno
RR	Rhodesian Ridgebacks
SA	Saluki
SD	Scottish Deerhounds
SN	Singles
SW	Silken Windhounds
SL	Sloughi
WH	Whippets
LG	LCI Large
SM	LCI Small
SH	LCI Sighthound Mix

American Sighthound Field Association
Records Committee Report & Statistics 2002 - 2024
Hounds Competing in ASFA Events by Breed
Submitted March 2024

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
AH	130	116	132	128	121	140	129	131	89	111	103	110	98	77	69	48	45	30	43	50	39	42
AZ	5	8	10	8	5	3	3	7	7	6	6	6	7	7	6	9	7	8	7	7	5	6
BA	198	221	185	200	193	181	166	171	160	163	123	95	96	96	84	87	63	51	71	74	63	73
BZ	279	301	273	303	258	288	262	246	220	210	192	173	144	135	143	120	112	69	96	82	88	95
CE	14	18	18	19	29	33	39	34	38	32	35	31	20	18	15	14	17	7	8	6	3	0
CP	0	0	1	2	2	2	1	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
GE	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	3	2	2	4	2	1	2
GH	182	171	185	211	186	174	190	161	112	106	105	94	90	84	77	56	59	50	55	71	59	44
IB	74	76	70	67	71	88	105	98	93	99	97	102	103	95	110	101	83	52	65	64	45	54
IG	55	59	69	61	57	67	55	44	52	44	39	39	43	48	41	44	33	21	30	18	32	34
IW	99	89	79	89	71	83	84	93	68	58	49	50	45	42	56	47	31	21	25	25	27	31
LG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	83	96	139	144	132
MA	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	4	0	0	4	4	0	3	2	4	0	0	0	5	3	0
PH	125	117	101	114	109	122	110	101	100	72	72	77	71	57	58	59	43	32	39	33	40	35
PO	6	6	5	3	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
PP	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	2	4	1	1	3	1	3	7	8	2	2	1	2	0	0
PQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
RR	325	299	336	333	299	307	326	285	258	222	174	189	188	186	162	150	139	86	122	97	99	81
SA	227	167	196	169	167	163	143	187	118	145	97	105	110	92	73	88	87	52	89	73	84	59
SD	87	89	82	88	78	53	53	60	55	59	49	48	44	41	36	28	19	8	17	17	19	29
SH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	31	39	35	37
SL	10	15	9	16	8	7	11	11	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
SM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	49	73	79	83	79
SN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	436	391	385	442	444	432	426	418	243	432	447	452	490
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	125	109	104	75	70	69	75	73	66	57	58	79	87	92	145
WH	1018	1020	1015	997	1019	987	935	817	780	662	648	678	598	555	489	465	386	200	304	364	373	353
	2834	2772	2767	2809	2677	2706	2655	2581	2272	2535	2262	2259	2170	2061	1937	1825	1731	1131	1687	1786	1787	1825

New Hound Statistics 2024

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
AH	48	29	49	36	43	53	41	44	21	43	47	64	66	20	29	15	29	14	27	21	10	14
AZ	0	3	1	2	0	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	3	3	2	2	1	5	2	4	3	7
BA	54	66	35	73	45	53	39	44	46	47	31	24	52	39	34	38	15	23	23	30	19	33
BZ	98	113	92	108	92	119	86	76	75	86	75	58	59	69	75	52	50	33	54	43	52	59
CE	5	6	4	6	11	7	11	10	3	8	10	4	1	5	3	6	6	0	3	2	0	0
CP	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	1
GE	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	1
GH	53	53	64	78	58	80	71	53	29	42	39	34	44	34	35	14	27	27	32	41	19	33
IB	17	23	12	18	26	29	32	23	26	24	31	32	31	25	32	21	32	13	25	28	18	26
IG	31	24	34	35	14	28	10	16	11	6	19	7	23	10	10	9	8	5	9	8	10	6
IW	43	33	27	20	27	38	33	38	20	29	18	19	2	21	36	20	13	8	9	16	11	16
LG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	55	66	90	83	64
MA	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	2	3	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	3	1	0
PH	31	36	30	36	20	25	17	24	24	10	12	13	30	12	11	20	12	6	8	10	14	7
PO	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
PP	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	4	0	0	2	0	3	6	2	1	2	1	3	1	0
PQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	1	2	0
RR	111	105	111	121	88	104	103	87	78	77	63	79	94	67	54	64	58	40	61	4	53	36
SA	79	39	62	52	55	61	46	79	33	59	59	50	84	50	39	47	70	26	50	38	48	45
SD	30	34	22	26	17	17	21	19	18	30	21	9	16	14	18	17	13	7	12	12	14	29
SH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	27	22	17	18
SL	4	5	0	6	1	4	5	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
SM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	34	51	41	45	41
SN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	437	266	251	171	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	95	30	28	21	34	38	38	35	29	36	31	71	75	78	97
WH	303	299	316	302	275	291	254	228	215	188	206	216	194	207	177	167	130	89	170	192	168	190
	908	868	861	921	775	916	807	848	636	1120	924	901	910	622	601	534	629	425	703	730	670	724

Title Statistics 2024

	TCP	CPX	CPX2	Total Single Titles	FCH	LCM	LCM 2	LCM 3	LCM 4	LCM 5	LCM 6	LCM 7	LCM 8	LCM 9	LCM 10	LCM 12	Total Regular Titles
Afghan Hounds																	0
Azawakhs																	0
Basenji	1			1	6		1			1							8
Borzoi					5	2	1										8
Galgo Espanol						Provisional Title Only											0
Greyhounds					4	2											6
Ibizan Hounds					6		3	3									12
Irish Wolfhounds					2												2
Italian Greyhound					3	1											4
Peruvian Inca Orchids																	0
Pharaoh Hounds					2	2											4
Rhodesian Ridgebacks					6	1	2	1					1				11
Saluki	4			4	4	2											6
Scottish Deerhounds					1												1
Silken Windhound	2	1		3	21	1	1										23
Sloughi																	0
Whippets	7	1	1	9	38	12	2										52
Total of all Breeds	14	2	1	17													137

ASFA Veteran & LCI Title Statistics 2024

	VFCH	VLCM	VLCM 2	VLCM 3	VLCM 4	Total Vet Titles	Total Regular Titles	Single Titles	Total Titles
Afghan Hounds						0	0	0	0
Azawakhs						0	0	0	0
Basenji		1				1	8	1	10
Borzoi	4	1	1			6	8	0	14
Cirneco Dell'Etna						0	0	0	0
Greyhounds						0	6	0	6
Ibizan Hounds	2	2				4	12	0	16
Irish Wolfhounds						0	2	0	2
Italian Greyhound						0	4	0	4
Peruvian Inca Orchids						0	0	0	0
Pharaoh Hounds	2					2	4	0	6
Rhodesian Ridgebacks	1	1				2	11	0	13
Saluki						0	6	4	10
Scottish Deerhounds						0	1	0	1
Silken Windhounds						0	23	3	26
Sloughi						0	0	0	0
Whippets	4					4	52	9	65
Total Vet Titles						19	137	17	
									Total Reg Titles
	LCC	LCE	VLCC	LCI	LCA	Total LCI Titles		Total LCI	
LCI Large	14			15	4	33		60	
LCI Small	5	2		9	6	22		Grand Total	297
LCI Sighthound	2			2	1	5			

Number of Trials, Club & Entries Held Each Year by Region

Reg		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	Clubs	12	11	10	9	11	7	10	8	9	8	7	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	4	4	6
	Trials	32	32	26	22	26	19	26	24	19	21	18	19	22	14	16	9	10	13	12	13	14
	Entries	1015	906	733	756	844	587	681	744	628	542	522	1021	684	510	570	287	360	493	462	406	449
2	Clubs	9	10	7	7	7	7	8	7	7	5	4	6	4	5	6	3	1	2	3	4	2
	Trials	30	16	16	19	19	21	22	19	12	12	6	7	5	5	7	3	1	2	5	6	3
	Entries	949	522	591	724	804	809	819	522	231	327	121	150	56	113	157	37	39	13	190	167	77
3	Clubs	7	5	6	5	6	4	6	6	6	6	4	5	4	5	4	5	2	5	4	4	7
	Trials	31	25	25	23	27	24	32	33	30	31	31	28	26	30	25	26	12	24	25	26	24
	Entries	979	755	685	609	743	810	979	758	1004	594	581	637	624	725	608	577	288	570	652	877	681
4	Clubs	10	14	10	9	10	9	11	7	7	8	7	7	8	6	4	3	3	3	3	2	2
	Trials	30	31	31	21	27	27	35	19	18	16	17	16	10	7	5	6	3	6	4	2	6
	Entries	1280	1224	963	704	657	1029	630	392	446	351	404	319	209	181	128	126	86	207	91	24	172
5	Clubs	11	9	9	10	10	8	10	9	8	9	10	13	14	14	13	11	6	7	7	8	10
	Trials	36	35	35	34	32	32	33	32	30	34	34	35	36	40	34	34	14	26	25	29	30
	Entries	2173	1496	1569	1516	1105	1336	1817	1248	1332	1217	1475	1224	1683	1455	1244	1030	538	1135	886	1073	1504
6	Clubs	21	17	12	17	17	16	14	14	12	13	11	10	8	8	8	8	3	12	8	8	6
	Trials	50	43	32	49	50	48	37	39	32	28	34	39	42	36	29	17	8	25	20	20	26
	Entries	2975	2904	1913	2690	2494	2921	2087	2141	2030	2101	1863	1913	1661	1340	1004	963	480	927	1051	852	965
7	Clubs	11	13	11	12	12	13	14	10	11	11	14	14	9	9	7	6	4	6	3	3	3
	Trials	47	57	52	54	53	49	51	46	41	46	43	46	36	38	27	20	9	20	18	11	20
	Entries	2792	3507	3084	2980	2550	2651	2573	2297	1877	1815	1892	1618	1550	1504	886	470	188	415	274	246	488
8	Clubs	14	13	13	12	12	12	9	10	12	12	16	12	10	12	10	12	4	8	9	11	10
	Trials	47	46	42	41	40	39	39	43	44	39	49	42	41	47	42	41	26	36	32	41	38
	Entries	2066	2520	1886	1669	2270	1936	1961	2426	1769	1848	1826	1547	1493	1706	1641	1653	1310	1699	1428	1990	1521
9	Clubs	5	5	7	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	5	5	4	4
	Trials	19	12	23	21	20	18	11	17	19	13	13	15	19	16	14	19	8	12	14	14	14
	Entries	643	576	1190	988	914	967	581	723	895	612	527	616	668	597	633	773	337	450	676	716	683
10	Clubs	7	8	8	6	6	3	5	7	5	7	5	3	3	4	4	4	2	4	3	3	5
	Trials	8	14	15	6	11	5	17	8	21	28	28	28	34	20	27	22	16	16	13	12	23
	Entries	380	578	409	134	268	152	486	161	383	238	273	190	339	237	296	245	243	195	172	161	285
Entries		15252	14988	13023	12770	12649	13198	12614	11412	10595	9645	9484	9235	8967	8368	7167	6161	3869	6104	5882	6512	6825
Trials		330	311	297	290	305	282	303	280	266	268	273	275	271	253	226	197	107	180	168	174	199

Total Entries By Breeds

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Diff
AH	756	552	677	547	514	598	619	646	508	411	498	499	560	410	297	188	228	84	149	220	124	128	+4
AZ	15	26	61	15	30	26	36	47	70	40	46	14	25	55	49	42	45	33	31	35	22	31	+9
BA	981	1201	862	792	836	701	769	838	676	710	665	555	732	631	641	459	403	223	369	355	366	377	+11
BZ	1399	2116	1770	1408	1107	1341	1291	1235	907	667	800	693	544	549	739	613	519	328	456	306	418	428	+10
CE	53	60	41	61	150	166	230	166	130	134	180	145	63	59	84	57	37	11	19	8	7	0	-7
CP	0	0	1	2	3	5	1	4	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	4	+4
GE	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	17	13	9	12	16	17	13	3	5	+2
GH	1206	999	1029	1043	1028	934	924	676	568	488	429	439	357	380	356	318	324	208	239	279	278	244	-34
IB	530	473	388	465	760	723	887	789	733	553	481	512	511	576	614	494	276	228	287	279	355	428	+73
IG	459	480	470	451	303	318	248	253	260	224	155	268	303	365	233	195	69	79	106	63	116	31	-85
IW	486	329	242	292	285	364	336	309	219	190	126	132	144	144	152	154	103	60	76	49	71	72	+1
LG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	230	218	240	367	461	453	-8
MA	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	11	0	0	6	4	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	9	6	0	-6
PH	757	648	466	537	570	648	565	545	604	473	282	298	375	238	211	252	185	159	177	166	221	209	-12
PO	21	15	13	6	4	6	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
PP	0	0	3	1	2	4	2	3	13	10	11	11	4	12	54	48	10	2	1	2	0	0	0
PQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
RR	1688	1525	1609	1349	1329	1518	1453	1129	1162	1127	970	940	917	810	1004	882	678	453	771	424	528	481	-47
SA	1265	894	945	810	634	726	753	872	630	745	448	544	424	578	537	441	323	241	365	241	293	275	-18
SD	448	459	364	396	258	134	225	187	264	167	147	147	138	174	119	74	38	16	39	52	57	66	+9
SH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	98	122	126	105	-21
SL	44	51	44	64	10	9	28	28	15	6	6	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	+2
SM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	149	230	261	313	320	+7
SN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	932	821	784	1036	1086	951	926	920	492	880	912	944	1061	+117
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	655	599	618	385	368	348	305	351	289	274	235	343	397	416	721	+305
WH	5750	5415	5653	5136	4947	4421	4752	4219	4044	3135	3186	3131	2753	2575	1957	1717	1346	592	1200	1329	1386	1283	-103
Total entries	15858	15243	14638	13375	12770	12649	13198	12614	11412	10632	9645	9484	9235	8967	8368	7167	6161	3869	6093	5889	6512	6725	213
Non Count	100	273	82	46	64	55	62	74	55	82	130	151	43	47	103	36	48	15	22	31	42	18	

Cover Letter for Records 101

So, we now have been following the protocol for trial submissions for a couple of years, the biggest problem continues to be missing FTE entries. For the most part it is because the owner did not mark the entry as such. Thus the required copy of registration and certification (if required) are not attached. The USPS continues to be a problem. I will continue to rely on each FTS to question the owner of each unfamiliar entry. Also, please make sure you list an email that you check frequently in case I need to reach you. The longer it takes me to get needed info the longer it takes for results to be posted.

I would like to say a big Thank You to all the FTS who have responded quickly to my email for information.

Some suggestions:

When making your roll call sheet if you have any unfamiliar entries, mark their name and have the person(s) doing roll call direct owner to see FTS to confirm that is not an FTE. Also, have the persons doing roll call ask each unfamiliar person if they have competed in ASFA previously. We need some method to cut down on missing information so if you have any suggestions please let me know.

If you have an FTE that did not bring all required information have them email directly to me. This will expedite your ability to submit the results instead of waiting for them.

I am requesting that you list the breed initials by the call name on the Single Record sheet. If one of entries is missing information, I now have a breed by which to search.

If you plan to submit the results via email, please minimize the number of files you send and try to keep in the same order that you would always use to submit. Scan each day with required paperwork into a single PDF file.

Please submit results as soon as you can. The quicker I have them the sooner I process and post results. Recently the USPS has been very slow.

As always, please contact me should you have any question(s). Email is always the best way to reach me, but you can call me if you need an answer quickly. But if you do call, I typically do not pick up if I do not recognize the number so leave a message. I may be listening and will pick up immediately.

On August 1, 2023, ASFA began to offer a discount in per capita to any club that submitted their results electronically within 7 days from the last day of trial. Reducing their per capita from \$4.00 to \$3.50 per entry for regular trials and Regionals from \$5.00 to \$4.50. The II is not included in this cost reduction. The results **MUST** be submitted in the following format to get reduction. If the records are not submitted as required I will be emailing the FTS for the remainder of the per capita.

Submitting electronic results -

Submit each day as one PDF file which should include:

- FTS report & per capita sheet
- Record sheets in the breed alphabetical order
- Any FTE with required paper or entries that are required to be submitted behind breed record sheet
- Any judge's sheets reflecting excusal, dismissal or disqualification behind record sheet
- A copy of premium is not required but is appreciated.

I have been generous with the interpretation of procedure to start but will begin enforcing the real expectation as of Jan. 1, 2025. So please, if you have any questions as to how to submit, reach out to me sooner than later.

Records 101 (update 03/24)

Daily Requirement

- A completed copy of the FTS Report (example included) completed in entirety.
 - Available on the ASFA Website at: [Rec 25--FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY REPORT \(3\).pdf \(asfa.org\)](#)
- Per capita sheet for each day.

Per Capita Sheet

- There must be a sheet completed for each day.
- If you are paying the fee by PayPal send it to treasurer@asfa.org. Put PayPal transaction ID on allotted space.
- Otherwise the check should be submitted with the trial records and sent to me.

Premiums

- An updated copy of the premium list is required only if there were any changes to the course plan or change to judge's panel from what was posted on the ASFA website.
- For changes to the judge's panel the Chair of Judge's must be notified of change and reason.
- Although it is not required a copy of premium is appreciated.

Entries that must be submitted with your trial results

- Entries for all hound(s) that are marked as FTE (First Time Entry). This must be accompanied by proof of registration, not printout of points from another organization or copy of certificates I need owner's name(s) & hound information (examples AKC, UKC or CKC), waived for NGA registered hounds & proof of certification if entered in a regular stake. Any FTE in the Single Stake and the LCI stakes require a copy of registration unless the LCI is requesting registration with ASFA then the form to request number must be attached. If proof of certification has been waived, a copy of the signed waiver and proof of the title must be included.
- Entry forms that indicate a change in the information (titles, address, etc).
- If the change is in ownership an updated copy of registration reflecting said change must be attached.
- Entry forms that reflect that said hound is working off a dismissal.

Record Sheets

- All record sheets completed in entirety that includes the BIF sheet. All information needs to be legible and as accurate as possible.
- O-TRIALS15 When two judges are used, they shall be designated on the record sheet as Judge 1 and Judge 2, alphabetically by last name. This is for all judges whether Provisional or full judge.
- **O-TRIALS04 The Field Clerk's name shall be indicated on each record sheet, but the Field Clerk's signature is not required.**
- Per Ch V Sec 6 (g) hounds can no longer be left tied. There must be a runoff or a forfeit. The only tie that can stand is if it is the result of an error found during post trial review by the FTS and then a note must be attached explaining the problem.
- Any hound listed but did not run will need to have an acceptable reason (per the ASFA Running Rules) listed on the record sheet. If nothing is noted or it just says pulled, the hound will count for per capita. If an owner is unable to separate their hounds and decides to pull an entry there is no refund for this!
- On the Single sheet I would like the breed initials placed in the section with the call name. It is helpful to me if I have questions and am trying to search the database.

Additional Info

- Trial results can be submitted by email if you are able scan all record sheets, required FTS paperwork, all entries that are required to be submitted along with any required registration, certifications, etc. that you need to send to Records into a file (suggestion is to put it all in a single PDF file) and submit the payment via PayPal.

Per Policy O-RCD12

3. Errors Discovered After the Trial Records are Published.

- a. Results of field trials published will not be changed except by action of the Board. Such action may be taken by electronic ballot distributed by the Corresponding Secretary. **Such corrections will be limited to errors brought to the Records Coordinator's attention within 60 days of the publication of the trial records.**

**So I highly recommend that you check your results for accuracy
when they are posted !**



ASFA FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY REPORT

AMERICAN SIGHTHOUND FIELD ASSOCIATION

Host Club: _____ Region: _____

Field Trial Chairman name: _____

FTS e-mail address: _____

Trial Date: _____ Trial Location: _____

Please circle the response, and answer the questions below:

1.

Were any judges changed from the approved premium list?
If yes, list the breed judging assignments that may have been changed as well. **(Include a copy of the corrected premium list.)**
Each judge is responsible for notifying the Judges Chair of any change to their assignment at judgeslic@asfa.org.

YesNo
2.

Were there any other significant changes to the approved premium list?
(If so, please include with the corrected premium.)

YesNo
3.

Were any Open or Veteran dogs first time entrants?
Is yes, please include a copy of the registration form, the certification form, and the entry form.
NOTE: Registration form is not required if the dog had previously run in singles in an ASFA trial.

YesNo
4.

Were any Singles first time entrants?
Is yes, please include a copy of the registration form and the entry form.

YesNo
5.

Were any of entries marked for working off a dismissal?
If yes, please include the entry forms for those dogs.

YesNo
6.

Were any of the entries marked for change of information?
This could be titles of the hound added, or owner information changes.
NOTE: If change in ownership, a copy of the new registration form is required.

YesNo

Please continue to Page 2 and complete one entry grid for each day of the trial.

7. Entries: (One form per day of trial)

Club:					Date:			
BREED	OPEN	FCH	VETS	TOTALS	BREEDER	KENNEL	BENCH	TOTALS
Afghan Hounds								
Azawakh								
Basenji								
Borzoi								
Cirneco dell 'Etna								
Greyhounds								
Ibizan Hounds								
Irish Wolfhounds								
Italian Greyhounds								
Pharaoh Hounds								
Rhodesian Ridgebacks								
Saluki								
Scottish Deerhounds								
Silken Windhounds								
Sloughis								
Whippets								
Provisional								
Singles								
LCI Large								
LCI Small								
LCI SH (Sighthound Mix)								
Totals Breed Entries								

TOTAL Breed Entries @ \$4.00 per capita = \$ _____

TOTAL Special Stakes (Kennel, Breeder, Bench) @ \$1.00 per capita = \$ _____

Records Fee per trial @ \$15.00 \$ _____

Per capita paid by Check (included with records) Amount - \$ _____

Per capita paid by Pay Pal Amount - \$ _____

PayPal Transaction ID (if used): _____

Special Note for Invitationals

The Regional Director is responsible to order the Rosettes and Medallions from the Awards Chairperson a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the trial. An estimate of the number of items required as close as possible is required. After the trial all remaining Rosettes and Medallions are to be returned to the Awards Chairperson within 2 weeks after the trial.

Most Frequent Records Errors

1. FTE entries not submitted, typically because owner has not marked as such.
2. Incomplete Records sheets. Must have call name & registration number.
3. Not marking forfeits, just marking the placement(s).
4. **The name (not signature) of the field clerk is missing (required to be listed on the Record sheet).**
5. Giving hounds placements that have not total 50% of possible combined score.
6. Per capita difference between check submitted and my count. Without some sort of per capita break down I have nothing to try to figure out where the error might be.

• **Organization of Trial Records for Submission *previously listed in the rulebook**

The following required items must be promptly sent to the Records Coordinator following each trial, indicated in Ch. VI:

1. Proper per capita fees made payable to the ASFA in USD. Current fee for each hound entered on the Record sheet which has not been excused as lame or in season at or prior to roll all. Only lame, in-season, hounds pulled due to change of judge/lure operator or hounds determined to have a breed disqualification are eligible for refund of the entry fee. **Ch. I Section 3** The record sheet should reflect the refund was given. All other hounds listed will count toward per-capita. Just writing PULLED is not acceptable and will be counted. All per capita fees shall be paid with a club check, certified check, money order or through an electronic funds transfer (EFT). Do not send cash or personal checks. If you use Paypal send to treasurer@asfa.org and mark on the per capita sheet.
2. A copy of the approved premium list only if there are any course plan changes or changes to the judging panel. A letter of explanation of these changes.
3. All record sheets for every course, including re-runs and runoffs if required. Notations of reasons why hounds who were entered did not run, e.g., absent, bitches in season, lame, dismissed, disqualified under the ASFA breed disqualifications, excused by the Field Trial Chairman, etc. filled out and written legibly.

The following must also be included:

1. Proof of registration, completed certification and entry forms for hounds entered for the first time.
2. Entry forms that include notations for hounds working off a dismissal.
3. Entry forms that include any indicated change of information (e.g. new titles, address change or change of ownership [changes to ownership require an updated copy of registration showing the change]).
4. Per Capita Report Sheet

The preferred order to use in organizing this material for submission is:

1. Per capita payment and worksheet showing entries for per capita. If submitted by EFT please mark the amount and date submitted on the worksheet. There is a space for the transaction number
2. Premium list if needed
3. Record Sheets in the alphabetical breed order: Best in Field/Event record sheet (filled out completely).
4. Any entries should be in the same alphabetical breed order.

Chapter VI Section 3: The host club shall maintain a completed set of all the records submitted for a period of one year following the lure field trial(s).

• **Filling in the Trial Record Sheets**

The record sheets must be completely and legibly filled out. This includes the complete names of the judges, the call names and registration numbers of the hounds, etc. If an entered hound is not competing, the reason should be entered on the record sheet, as should the reason for any excusal, dismissal, or disqualification. For tie runoffs, the blanket color and total score only should be entered in the "Runoff" column; similarly, for Best of Breed runs, enter only these items in the "BOB Runoff" column. This becomes even more important since not all entries will be submitted with the results.

Trial Fees (Per Capita Info)

ASFA Club Trial	\$4.00 per entry	\$3.50 if submitted electronically & meets criteria
ASFA Regional Invitational	\$5.00 per entry	\$4.50 if submitted electronically & meets criteria
ASFA International Invitational	\$6.00 per entry	Discount NOT APPLICABLE
ASFA Surcharge	\$15.00 per trial	
Kennel, Breeder & Bench per entry	\$1.00 per entry (for Invitational events only)	

Point System

NUMBER OF HOUNDS COMPETING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or More
FIRST PLACE	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
SECOND PLACE	--	6	* 9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
THIRD PLACE	--	--	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
FOURTH PLACE	--	--	--	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NBQ (Next Best Qualified)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

NBQ --receives no points

The winner of Best of Breed receives the higher number of points available from the Open, Field Champion or Veteran stake, but must defeat the winner of the other stake(s) in a run-off.

* Example: a hound places second in a stake/flight of 3 = 9 points.

Note: A hound must defeat a qualifying hound to count as a qualifying placement towards title requirements.

The hound winning BIF now gets 4 points for each hound that has competed in BIF in addition to the points earned in the regular stake up to a maximum of points.

A single entry in a stake, who defeats another hound to win Best of Breed, will earn a qualifying (competitive) first placement for defeating a qualifying hound. A single entry in a breed, awarded Best of Breed, will earn a first placement for winning Best in Field against a qualifying hound.

When requesting your hound(s)' records by mail, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply. You can request your hound(s)' point standing without charge at any time by email from the ASFA Records Coordinator at records@asfa.org. Fill out the request at www.asfa.org/records/record.htm

When requesting hound information please include

- Breed,
- Registration Number
- Registered Name
- Date of the last trial in which your hound earned points (if possible)

Field Champion title requirements:	100 points and • two (2) First placements or • one (1) First and two (2) Second placements (all placements must be over a qualifying hound)
Veteran Field Champion title requirements:	75 points and • two (2) First placements or • one (1) First and two (2) Second placements (all placements must be over a qualifying hound)
Lure Courser of Merit requirements:	Field Champion title, • an additional 300 points and • four (4) additional First placements from the Field Champion stake over qualifying hounds
LCM II, LCM III, etc.:	same as Lure Courser of Merit.
Veteran Lure Courser of Merit requirements:	Veteran Field Champion title, • an additional 200 points and • four (4) additional First placements from the Veteran Field Champion stake over qualifying hounds.
Veteran LCM II, LCM III, etc.:	same as Veteran Lure Courser of Merit.
Title of Coursing Proficiency (TCP)	100 proficiency points and • two (2) First placements or • one (1) First and two (2) Second placements (all placements must be over a qualifying hound)
Title of Coursing Proficiency Excellent (CPX)	Title of Coursing Proficiency title and, • an additional 300 proficiency points and • four (4) additional First placements from the Single stake over qualifying hounds
Titles for Lure Chasing Instinct (Large & Small)	Lure Chasing Champion (LCC) 100 proficiency points and • two (2) First placements or • one (1) First and two (2) Second placements (all placements must be over a qualifying hound)
Lure Chasing Instinct (LCI)	Lure Chasing Excellent (LCE)
Lure Chasing Advanced (LCA)	300 Proficiency points and • four (4) additional First placements from the Single stake over qualifying hounds
Veteran Lure Chasing Champion (VLCC)	Attained 8 qualifying scores Hound must be over the age of 7 get 100 proficiency points and • two (2) First placements or • one (1) First and two (2) Second placements (all placements must be over a qualifying hound)
Veteran Lure Chasing Excellent (VLCS)	Attained 20 qualifying scores Hound must be over the age of 7 with the VLCC title and, • an additional 300 proficiency points and • four (4) additional First placements from the Single stake over qualifying hounds

Please feel free to contact me with any questions/inquiries into YOUR hound(s) record, any records related question or a specific trial results. The easiest way to reach me is via email. You can leave a voice mail at the number below but I am not as faithful with responding to voicemail as I am email. I will try to respond in a timely manner. Please!!! If you have questions or concerns regarding record, contact me!!! We can only fix or change what is brought to our attention. I try to be very open to new ideas and will follow up on any/all suggestions.

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